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I write this a mere two weeks after our first UK conference, which was well received by all who attended, and in fact, requests began arriving almost the same day to hold an event in 2018. After some careful thought and discussions with some friends within British UFOlogy, I have decided to repeat the exercise once again, on 1st September, 2018. More information will follow over the next few publications.



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This issue:

We are grateful to Ronnie Dugdale who recently supplied the latest instalment to "It Didn't Crash it Landed", a comprehensive round up of the events and timings surrounding the so called "British Roswell", the Rendlesham Forest Incident of December 1980. You may remember Ronnie was unwell and couldn't supply this, the third instalment for the last issue. Thank you Ronnie and we hope you continue to improve health wise. On page 24, we present a dual written article by Vincente-Juan Ballester Olmos & Thomas Eddie Bullard. Discussing the nature of UFO evidence. Does the lack of evidence support the idea that UFOs are a thing of the past, or vice versa does lack of evidence mean a lack of credible witnesses or images... WHAT DO YOU THINK? Email us and let us know: theouterlimitsmag@gmail.com

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Well, there we have it, enjoy this issue of OLM, and may I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Halloween 2017.

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The Strangely Strange, Experiences of Chris Thomas. Part 2



Chris' article contains several years of investigations and experiences. He has asked Outer Limits Magazine to point out that some of the calculations and/or information may have changed since originally written by himself. The facts are though that this information should still be shared.: Chris Evers Editor OLM

During my period of travel and investigation I met a succession of remarkable people such as Kees Van Dam, Teacher and Anthropologist. Kees and I spent hundreds of hours together probing the issues of the abduction phenomenon. Without his help I would have suffered a great deal more than I have done and for this, I am eternally grateful to him.

Since my encounters I have become far more sensitive to the world around me. I look upon the Earth as if from above, watching the human race as a whole going about its generally destructive business. I have been depressed and frustrated many times at the way we, as a society, are blind in our actions and behaviour.

I am incensed by our arrogance and ignorance to think that we are so clever and that we are the only intelligent life form that can space travel. I remember someone saying that "we are like monkeys with electricity". My mission in life has now become the continuing investigation into the "alien abduction" area, regardless of the level of complexity, or indeed the outcome of this research. I would have further doubted my own mind as to all these experiences but for another bizarre twist to the string of strange encounters!

I was living in Southern Ireland and had realised that the UFO/Abduction scene was very much a taboo subject. There were, as I found out, several reasons for this. One was the strength and doctrines of the Catholic Church; you might as well have been talking about contact with the devil. As far as I could see the devil was actually within the church. Secondly, Ireland was just beginning to come out of its "third world state" and new ideas and technology were becoming commonplace.



Chris (L) meeting with OLM Associate Editor Malcolm Robinson .

Thirdly, many British, German and Dutch had immigrated into the area bringing new concepts and a freedom of speech that was new to many southerners. The scenic and open landscape of this beautiful country along with some incredibly clear night skies was a bonus to any sky watching activities. The sheer amount of megaliths or stone circles may also be of significance. As usual I began to put out feelers regarding the phenomena and was overwhelmed with the amount of sightings/encounter experiences that began to pop out of the woodwork.

I decided that perhaps Ireland should be put on the Ufology map and hence contacted Carlton TV to have a look at the situation. They happened to be doing a documentary covering the phenomena called "We Are Not Alone". I worked for them as a researcher but I have to say I was doubtful of their approach and kept my own story to myself. I found that most of the media were still taking the piss out of this subject in

1996/97 whilst giving the impression that they were taking the subject seriously. The programme was biased and the editing undermined the credibility of witnesses' reports. The result however was positive in the sense that it stirred up interest. Radio and TV programmes followed abundantly and Irish news travels fast. My job was done in Ireland and continues to flourish to this day. On my way back for a visit to England in 1997, it had been suggested that I call on a person who had apparently experienced "multiple abductions" this I couldn't resist and duly set up a meeting.

An Enigma

From the first seconds of our meeting I felt as though I had known her for years, which was a little disconcerting for our respective partners who were also present. As time progressed and we shared our experiences, extraordinary facts began to emerge which has opened a new dimension of "abduction" into the already complex jigsaw. What I found out next was extremely disturbing and beyond all my belief systems.

Her name was Gail and this is her version of events.

GAIL'S STORY

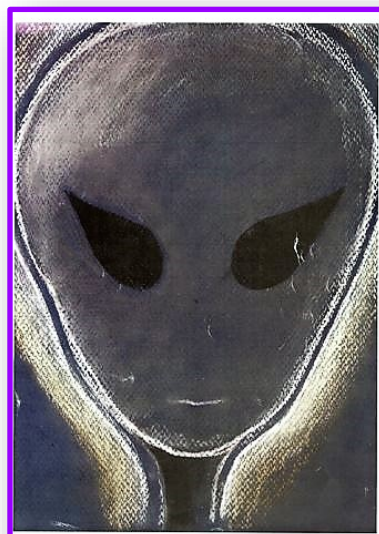
My story starts when I was quite young. I often would wake in the night and see lights on my wall, moving around, which firstly scared and then interested me. The real stuff started when I got into my twenties. Firstly the lights became bigger and were not confined to my bedroom wall, but shone like halogens outside my bedroom window. Then in 1989 shortly before the birth of my first daughter I had the very strong sensation that I was being watched by something. I seemed to have a heightened sense of what was going to happen during everyday events. I often knew who was on the end of the phone before I had picked it up. By the 1990's having gone through a very unpleasant divorce, my life started settling down. I had a new partner and things were quite 'normal'.

Then, one night I was awoken by something. Beside my bed stood two small beings, almost childlike, glowing with some kind of inner light which radiated out of them. Although I wanted to move and wake my partner I couldn't. In fact I couldn't move at all. The experience was quite spiritual even 'God' like. When I awoke the next morning I asked my partner if he had been aware of anything during the night. He hadn't. I vividly remember lying next to him listening to his snoring yet knowing I couldn't wake him or move, no matter how hard I tried. The feeling inside me on that day and for the next few was quite magical. I felt serene. I tried to work out in my head who or what the beings were but it somehow didn't seem to matter. It just was. I awaited their return but nothing really happened until some months later.

We had moved house and I woke one night to the lights in the bedroom. The next thing I remember was being inside something which looked like a large metal sphere.

Ahead of me set in the walls were drawers and drawers. Beyond me in a fairly dimly lit space was an operating table. Beyond that in the half light I could see another table with a figure on it lying down. I then remember being put on the table by two very tall thin beings - the classic looking beings that everyone draws, almond eyed and pale grey in colour. The thing I remember more than any-

Gail's drawing of what she saw.



thing is NO EMOTION from them. They then put a kind of probe against my forehead and suddenly my head was full of fast moving images, just like a video tape on fast forward. The images stopped at intervals and I saw the following:

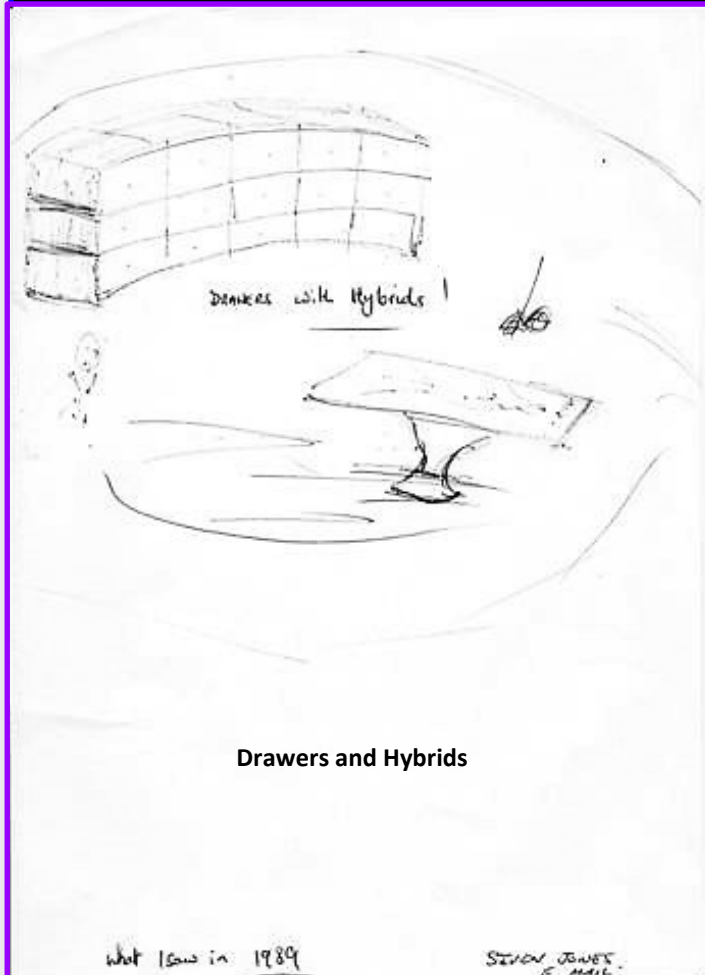
- 1 Piles of dead black and white cows.
- 2 Huge water and floods with massive waves.
- 3 Fire: everything as far as I could see burning.
- 4 Jars of liquid with small babies inside - foetus like beings.

After this I really don't remember what happened. I awoke the next morning in a very distressed state. Having told my husband what had happened I felt numb, totally in shock, not knowing why or what had happened to me. Why the images? I just didn't know what to do. I then went into a big down, a kind of withdrawing from everything. I questioned everything. Around the same time I discovered small red marks on my breast in a triangle shape. These marks are still with me today.

Then on Jan 2nd 1996 we had friends over for dinner. They brought with them friends who were staying over from Ireland. When they arrived I opened the door to let everyone in and then I saw Chris. As soon as I saw him something inside said 'you know this person very well'. I didn't quite understand what was happening to me but the sense of connection and of 'knowing' stayed with me all evening. Our friends eventually explained that Chris had had similar experiences to me and they thought we should talk. We did. The problem was we couldn't stop talking or finding endless similarities and connections. The feeling of knowing grew until, when we had to say goodbye, I couldn't believe how hard it was to walk away from this person I so wanted to be with. After a few months we finally got together and started talking once more about what we had gone through. Chris suggested we drew what we had seen, concentrating on one thing in particular. That was when our drawings confirmed my thoughts. We had both drawn the same thing from our time on the ship !!! The drawers or incubators containing life forms!!

This really blew our minds.

For years now Chris and I have kept in touch, going over our



Drawers and Hybrids

thoughts and our memories. Whatever happened to us back then, there is one thing I know. We are connected and that will never go away.

Sadly she died of cancer in 2012..

Probably the most underestimated subject of modern times

The "abduction", "UFO" and paranormal web site that is managed by an experiencer for the sake of all experiencers in order to better understand our dilemma.

OBJECTIVE

A chance for experiencers and those with a genuine interest in the subject to contribute on a serious level, to the research and understanding of this phenomena without fear of being used and abused.

TRUST

Because I am an "abductee" and have had other paranormal experiences, I have spent years of my life trying to come to terms with the experience and understanding its meanings. I have found the experience to be a powerfully mind changing aspect of consciousness that results in a different condition in which I regard my world. I

will no longer entertain those that give rather narrow and unprofessional answers to this complex enigma. I believe that as a community of experiencers working together, from all walks of life and from all parts of the globe, we can build a community that is intelligent, unafraid, forward thinking and wise. If we work together as a unit, real progress can be made to further understand our relationship to these strange mysteries.

Whilst I have carried out research for major TV companies, written articles and interviewed many experiencers, I have never publicised my own story due to distrust of the media and fear of being misused by investigators whose aim is to sell their books/videos etc. without giving back any support to those affected. Whilst I agree that there are some that act with integrity and have helped place this phenomena in the public domain, there are many that only add to the confusion and scepticism of the public view due to the imbalance or bias of their investigative stance. I personally have received very little help with my dilemma from the normal channels however I have received huge

support from fellow experiencers (the more you know, the better you feel) and from a series of meetings with those that are open, thoughtful and have a deeper understanding of life. Those who acknowledge that, because science cannot measure or explain a phenomenon, therefore it doesn't exist, do not understand their history. This mystery does exist and is globally affecting large numbers of the population therefore it merits some serious research.

QUOTES

The Dalai Lama

"Of course there are different descendant beings, some more intelligent than us, however it is not necessary that they will take care of us".

Robert Morning Cloud (Hopi Nation)

"Star People have been with us since the beginning of time".

The Vatican (Monsignor Corrado Balducci)

Proclaimed that "Extra-terrestrial contact is a real phenomenon".

Professor J.E. Mack (Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School)

"This phenomenon is real, it is not a mental illness nor delusion".

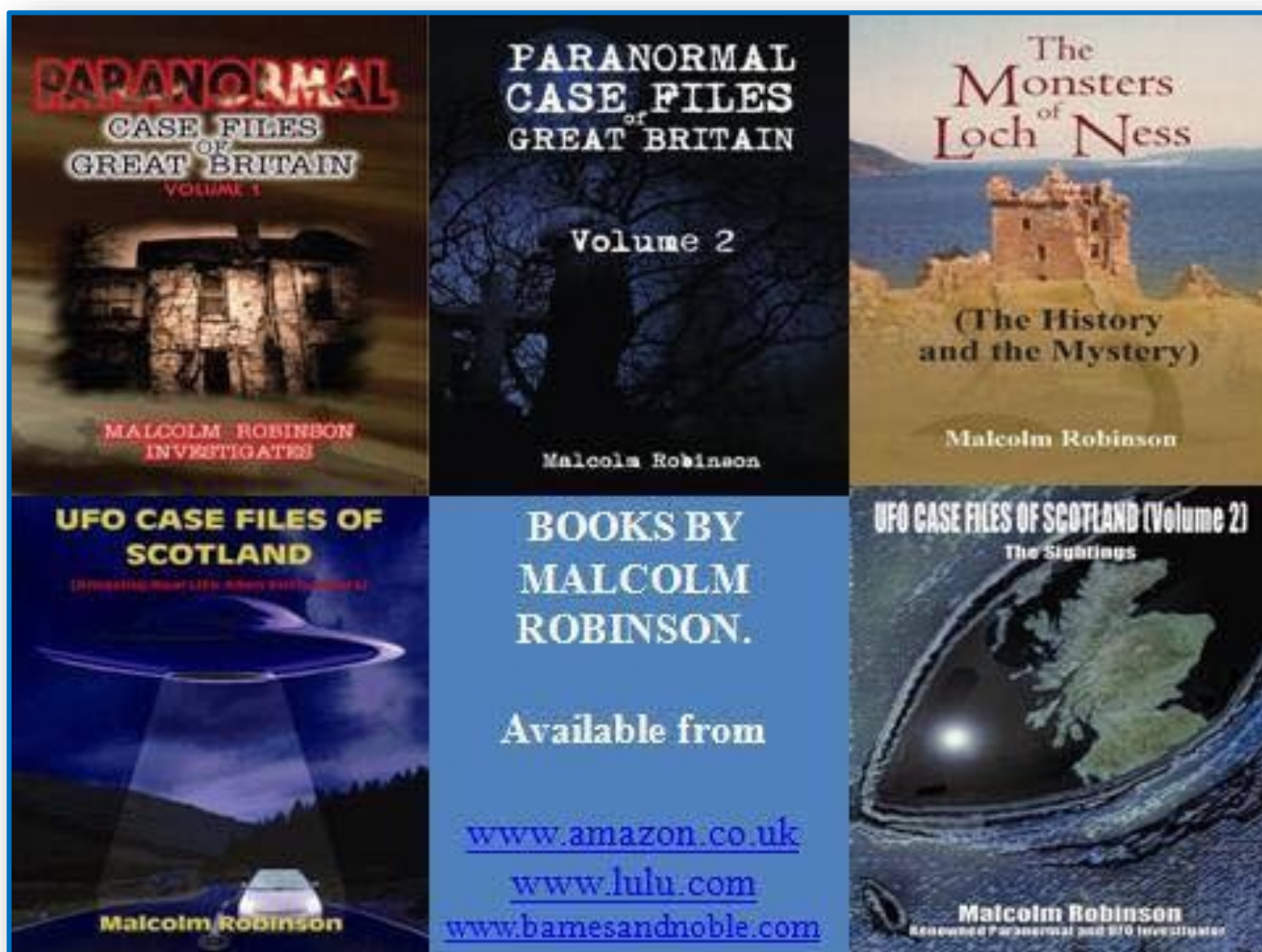
The Lord Hill-Norton? (chairman of the NATO Military Com-

mittee) "The evidence is so consistent and so overwhelming that no reasonably intelligent person can deny that something unexplained is going on in our atmosphere".

TAKE HEED

It is reported that well over three and a half thousand UFO sightings have been documented by pilots, both civilian and military. These are professional people whose judgment and observational skills we rely upon on a daily basis. When a pilot reports that a very bright disc shaped object had passed his plane at ridiculous speeds whilst carrying out non-understandable G force movements, then surely we must take note.

Pilots are trained to be good observers, people who stick to such excuses, for this type of case, such as cloud formations and planets, really do not know what they are talking about. Most importantly, if these pilots are such bad observers or perhaps hallucinating then should they be at the controls of an aircraft ? In Belgium between 1989 and 1990 over two thousand witnesses including Police Officers and airborne pilots of the Royal Belgian Air Force observed large UFOs within their airspace. This is well documented by the Belgian Military. A similar case occurred in Brazil in 1996 resulting in Airforce pilot sightings and recordings of the objects on radar. Pilot sightings.



Worldwide, people of all professions and cultural backgrounds, have alerted us to this phenomena including Presidents and Cosmonauts, the latter surely being highly qualified witnesses! Then we have the so called "Abductees" or "Experiencers" probably more important than any observation or video footage.

I am one of these people and have been researching the subject for over 20 years. I believe that gradually we are coming to terms with the fact that our rather limited minds will not allow us to perceive new concepts until either scientifically proven, accepted by the majority or one has experienced for oneself. For example ghosts and poltergeists. To my knowledge there is no scientific absolute that these exist yet the recordings by witnesses throughout history must speak for themselves. Just remember that only in the last one hundred years or so have we begun to scratch the surface of subjects such as space exploration, genetic engineering, communications, computers, let alone gravity or the understanding of our own brains!!

I can imagine telling a Victorian audience that a hundred years on we would be flying around in a Space Shuttle!! Just suppose that Aliens do exist and are technically and emotionally one thousand years ahead of us. They might come from a planet with an entirely different physical make up, e.g. temperature, light source, gravity and atmosphere. Just look at the diversity of life on our own planet. Would our brains allow us to accept that they were indeed from another planet and carrying out scientific work? Would they want us to know anyway, suggesting that I am sure they are capable of being extremely elusive. The best selling book "Abduction" was written by Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard University, Dr J.E. Mack. Before studying this subject he was a complete sceptic and thought that he could find a rational explanation. He couldn't and subsequently set up an abduction support group called P.E.E.R. (Programme for Extraordinary Experience Research)

We in Britain have our own supporters, for instance Admiral of the Fleet, The Lord Hill Norton, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee 1974-77. Whatever the phenomena is, it does exist in some shape or form therefore it does have to be taken seriously. If as I and many other people think, they are very advanced beings, then not only will it turn our thinking on its head but also we might finally find peace within our own humanity. I believe that our Prophets both past and present are and were "Experiencers" of this phenomenon.

Major Gordon Cooper testified before the United Nations "I believe that these extra-terrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting us from other planets".

American Presidents and UFOs

It is interesting to note the views of Presidents over the years regarding this phenomenon.

A LEARNING CURVE

It was a clear and perfect summer evening. I was sitting on the Downs in South East England contemplating the sudden death of a very close friend. We had fallen in love and she had been

strangled to death. The view from where I was sitting was stunning. I could see for miles around me, the sun gradually sinking to the west. A dot of light briefly caught my eye, maybe a plane or balloon, either would not have been unusual in that area. I returned to other thoughts and scenes. Some minutes had passed when I noticed the same light in the same place. Again, assuming now that it was a balloon I paid no more attention. After about four or five minutes I picked up on this object again when all of a sudden it moved with incredible speed to another point on the horizon and stopped. This was odd and there was nothing in my knowledge base that could account for this type of aerial behaviour. My attention now became very focussed on this object and suddenly, as it had done before, it shifted across the sky at great speed to roughly where it had previously been.

As my concentration level grew I realised that this might be what is referred to as a UFO or alien craft and as there didn't seem to be any problem at this distance, I really wanted a closer look and I remember almost willing this thing to come nearer. Well by God it did! The next thing I knew there was a metallic dull silvery disc shaped craft hovering about thirty meters in front of me. I felt totally mesmerised and unable to move. The details were so clear and are etched in my mind for eternity. The craft was thirty feet across and about fifteen feet high. The top was domed and had two windows that I could see. In the portholes appeared large heads with large eyes I now felt something happening to me. I am not in control, I cannot think, and then a blank.

The next thing I knew it was pitch black. I was running down the hill and half a mile from where I should have been. Just above my head was the craft. The air immediately around me was like a grid of yellowy energy and the temperature was very warm. As I ran for home the craft shot off in a zig zag pattern at a phenomenal speed whilst displaying a series of coloured lighting displays. I was very shocked. Time was missing.

At the time of this I was staying with my parents and as I entered the house I remember my mother seeing me and saying "Chris it looks as though you have seen a ghost". Apparently I was white. I was unable to utter any words and went straight to my room and remember no more of the evening. This is important as at this stage of my life I had absolutely no knowledge whatsoever of anything to do with Ufology, Grays, Abduction and the like. I was busy and had a good career. The only thing that was unusual was the death of a very beautiful friend.

I had no idea what to do regarding my experience and when I did bring the subject up I was bombarded with disbelief and ridicule with comments such as, I should not drink so much beer, smoke pot or eat cheese and chocolate. I felt lost and isolated. I knew what I had seen.

The next few years of my life were busy with new work, new countries and new friends. I have never once forgotten what happened that evening but for now it was placed in the back of my mind.

Until of course 1989!

Common Issues

Here we have a collection of really interesting facts that might help to give us a better understanding of the whole phenomenon. There are many common factors running through the "abduction" scenario. If we investigate these carefully we might be able to theorise why things happen in the way they are portrayed to us.

1. BEAMS

These shafts or columns of energy have been consistently remembered by "abductees" and are well documented. Energy shafts are mostly described as cylindrical or elliptical, light in colour and are used as the transportation mode for entering a craft that is usually at some height above ground level. The "abductee" is simply floated up and into the craft. So is this some type of antigravity beam? I remember that Freddy Silva, author of *Secrets in the Fields*, told me that he had witnessed beams of light, one of which formed a crop circle in the Vale of Pewsey. Such incidents, he said, had been recorded for many decades. Also Sharon Neill, world renowned Medium, had told me during a reading of my experience that actually there are four beams. The main one breaks up the outer molecules and the others deal with the astral molecular structure.

Whether we are dealing with extra-terrestrials, inter dimensional experiences or whatever, we must take note of common factors such as these. When I had my voluntary experience I was able to get a really good look at one of these shafts. It was about ten meters long, 1 meter wide, a faint yellowy colour and of a cylindrical nature. Two other important factors are that it came down from the "craft" at a sixty degree angle and that it appeared to stop just short of the ground by a few inches. I suffer from vertigo and I am sure that finding myself floating upwards within this shaft (not to mention the incredibility of the situation) probably meant that I lost consciousness at this point. My memory of this energy beam is extremely clear and indelibly fixed in my mind. I would be interested in all other "beam" accounts and also some scientific feedback on this subject.

2. CRAFT

The general appearance of these "vehicles" is of a circular or disc like nature and I have often wondered what better shape could possibly ever exist for a flying vehicle particularly within an atmosphere. There are much larger craft too, very often described as cigar shaped and these probably act as a carrier for the smaller research discs. Is this not where our own technology will end up? This poses another question for me. Is this perhaps us in the unrecorded past or future. The possibility of receiving information concerning the future has been proven to me, therefore it exists and if it exists perhaps that is what I am experiencing.



Time/space is allowing this to happen and it is a mighty step for humans to accept in realities such as the "abduction" scenario. These craft invariably manoeuvre in ways far beyond our current aviation technology and perhaps what is far more important, noiselessly apart from what has been described as a low humming sound. What does this tell us about their power source or if indeed they are not extra-terrestrial then the mode of recognition that "they" employ? Another very well reported factor are the lights that surround these craft are sometimes multi-coloured and very changeable. In other cases these are just bright and intense and as in my second encounter; there are none at all when in close approxima-

tion. Why lights? What could be the relevance of the vast number of different light formations seen in connection with the craft. Is it something that they need i.e. in terms of visual recognition, is it a by-product of the propulsion system or is it in fact for our benefit as opposed to darkness? As the beings depicted by experiencers have eyes, I can only assume that like ourselves, lights are still an important part of the world from which they hail.

3. THE MEDICAL PROCEDURES

Many abductees have related, in their own way, the episode of medical examination and interference that was carried out by the "beings". Amongst these accounts are a great number of similarities, such as the colour of the room, the operating table, cylindrical objects containing humanoid forms, the instruments used and the physical aspects of the encounter. In particular the removal or planting of eggs and the removal of sperm. This leads me on to the subject of the theory of a "hybrid" breeding programme. There is an overall view of abductee thinking that these beings, wherever they come from, are conducting a genetic programme for the purpose of breeding an "alien"/ human hybrid. We have seen the results of these tests which are shown to us on the craft where again, there are many similar descriptions of containers, vats, jars and drawers in which humalien babies are kept, incubator style, surrounded by some sort of liquid or jelly.

These are common factors within the encounter experience and must be regarded with serious consideration. Why are contactees deliberately shown these "incubated beings"? Surely if there was a clandestine programme ongoing it would not be advertised! My own experience of seeing banks of drawer like containers with human/alien forms contained within, is testament to me which enforces my opinion that this is not a one off experience. Our current science is only in the birth stage of genetic engineering yet we have already created a fluorescent mouse using the genes of a jellyfish, Dolly the Sheep, cloned

monkeys and a whole host of weird, wonderful and some dangerous genetic life forms. American and Italian researchers are now going to attempt to clone a human being.

My point being, that if the abductors are as advanced as their craft and abduction methods then their understanding of genetics is likely to be way beyond our comprehension and therefore we can only guess at their motives. There are several theories about this. One being that they are saving our species as we are heading for some sort of annihilation, another being that just as we experiment with monkeys this is just an exploration of life in the universe and that they have been involved in our development for many thousands of years. There may be a flaw in the software of the human brain (hence the sending of prophets), which they are desperate to correct and are currently experimenting on. Of course time may not be as we understand it and therefore we could be living parallel lives or this could be a very futuristic way of contacting either the past or the future. Many abductees have the opinion that the first mentioned is the truest theory. The light source inside the craft is also interesting in the sense that it rarely changes from one account to another. Nearly all recalls determine a pearl or chalk white appearance with no indication of where the light may emanate from. There are no shadows and the diffusion is uniform. Again, I think that this is where we are heading with our own technology as far as lighting is concerned.

4. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Many abductees have been left with physical marks on their bodies, I have personally seen some of these marks and am left in the dark as to what and why they might be. Two commonly reported physical scars or skin marks are, the triangle made up by a series of red dots often found on the chest or abdomen and the other being what are commonly known as "scoop marks". Then we have the mystery of so called "implants" which are currently being investigated under strict guidelines by the likes of Dr Richard Leir, I think that as there is little physical evidence to show for this phenomenon, leaving out the obvious i.e. radar recordings, video footage and photos, we should concentrate on the more personal physical evidence which can be recorded and documented. Such aspects of abduction include body markings, pregnancies that simply disappear and implants. These hard facts need to be skilfully and professionally investigated to the highest degree.

Let's start with number one: triangular markings, scoop marks and other marks discovered on bodies. These appear after abduction. They have been shown to doctors who simply have no explanation for them and have been known to survive for many years. I have seen these marks on "abductees" bodies and they indeed are strange. These marks have been known to disappear for months or years and then inexplicably reappear. I suggest that anyone who has these should photograph them and report to your doctor so that you have a medical record of them.

Secondly so called false pregnancies. A female abductee will bear all the hallmarks of being pregnant. She will have this confirmed medically, then normally within the first three months, the foetus will somehow have disappeared. Again if this happens to you, obtain all the medical proofs that are possible and make sure they are recorded.

Thirdly, implants. If you suspect that you have one of these in your body why not contact Dr R. Leir as mentioned above. There is little physical evidence considering the amount of contact however, if we were to enquire forensically after an encounter perhaps we would find far more. It is worth looking at Peter Houry's evidence. It is this type of evidence that may finally open a few eyes. What I find so odd about all these things is that they are so uniform in description regardless of the background, nationality, age, gender, creed or ethnicity of the abductee. Sure there are discrepancies but no more than if you were to ask a quantity of witnesses to say what they saw regarding an accident. To add more credence it is much harder to describe situations that are beyond one's comprehension and that appear to us rather magical. It would be a little like asking a 14th century person to describe a television set showing the news. They would probably describe it as a box with little people in it!! When I moved to Ireland my partner was a lady called Claire. We had got together partly because of her understanding of the "Abductee Experience" which after my 1989 encounter was a huge relief. Claire had also had experiences and here is her story.

Claire's Experiences.

My first encounter with a UFO was many years ago. Living in Sussex at the time, I was enjoying the garden, when I saw a huge round metallic craft hovering above the ground about 20 feet away from me. On going closer I clearly saw windows and felt warm air rising around me. The emanating vibration similar to that experienced during an earthquake. Time seemed to pass because the next thing I knew was that I was leaning against the garden wall some distance away. The following day the newspapers carried photographs so I was not the only one to have witnessed the phenomena. Another time, I watched a long cigar shaped craft in broad daylight as it flew over the house.

My childhood was always littered with ghosts and spirits who sometimes spoke to me. At the time, of course, I was ridiculed but years later vindicated when I was able to give detailed accounts and facts as to who they were. Phenomena has followed me throughout my life whether they be physical manifestations, auditory or sensory communications.

Under hypnotic regression I subsequently relived that first childhood UFO encounter. Inside the craft the white clothed beings told me how to look at the world and how to relate to its people....beyond outward appearances. No more quick judgements or dismissal just because of the way in which someone presents themselves. To remember the bigger picture. To look behind each question where there will always be another to find and try to answer. To seek each person's beauty because it surely exists.

I don't feel that investigating UFOs is my particular journey but can only state that my experience feels very positive and has influenced who and how I am for the better. I believe that everything in the Universe is energetic and it is important to recognise this. Everything has its own energy or frequency and we as humans can help to raise energy where needed. The right intention being important too. It seems very obvious that we cannot be the only form of life in this vast universe.

In Memoriam

Jim Marrs

December 4, 1943 - August 2, 2017



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**Our Thoughts Go Out To Jim's Loved Ones.,
And To Those Who Knew Him.**

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The Man Who Caught A UFO!

By Shane Cochrane

Northern Ireland is not normally associated with UFOs. A recent release of MOD files seemed to underline this fact, with only two sightings recorded here over a ten year period. However, this should not be taken as evidence of an absence of interesting UFO cases here. Northern Ireland has had some curious UFO incidents over the last few decades, and one in particular is so quirky that its absence from the literature is a mystery.

At noon on Friday, 7 September 1956, Thomas and Maud Hutchinson saw an object drop from the sky and land in an area of bog land, about 200 yards from their home in Moneymore, County Londonderry. They both ran from their house to investigate. When they arrived at the site they found a motionless, red, egg shaped object with a saucer shaped base. It was three feet high and one and a half feet in diameter. It had three dark red stripes and dark red markings at each end.

Thomas Hutchinson's curiosity could not be sated by just observing this strange object. After watching it for a few minutes he kicked it over. However, the device immediately righted itself to its original position. Unperturbed, Hutchinson got down on his knees for a closer look – which was when the object began to spin. Hutchinson grabbed the spinning object with the intention of taking it to the police station in nearby Loup village. According to Thomas Hutchinson: 'The police station was the only place for such a wicked looking thing as this and I started to carry it there.' As Hutchinson carried the device his wife walked along with him. Maud recalled: 'Ah, it was a terrible thing. My husband warned me not to go near it, but you know a woman's inquisitiveness, I just couldn't keep back.'

They reached a hedge and Thomas set the device down to make his way through. It was at this point that his strange prize escaped. According to Maud: 'Then all of a sudden the monster rose and it nearly pulled my husband off his feet when he tried to hold it. I started to panic and then I ran home and prayed.' After escaping Thomas' clutches the device rose quickly and disappeared within a few seconds.

Our Old Friend the Weather Balloon

According to the 'Derry Journal' of 10 September 1956, 'experts' were of the opinion that what the Hutchinsons had encountered was a stray meteorological balloon. An unnamed RAF officer, stationed at nearby Aldergrove Airport (now Bel-

fast International Airport), was 'nearly certain' that the object encountered by the Hutchinsons was a weather balloon. According to this officer, these balloons are sometimes red, and can fall to the ground when they're wet - taking off again as they dry out. And while this particular weather balloon didn't belong to them, he suggested that it may have originated at another weather station. However, he didn't say which station this balloon may have come from or that any efforts had been made to contact other stations to confirm his missing balloon theory.

While the weather balloon theory is certainly plausible, the RAF officer was unconvincing; and, importantly, he was unable to confirm that the Moneymore object was a weather balloon. In addition, the weather balloon theory does not adequately account for the behaviour of the device encountered by Thomas and Maud Hutchinson.

Interestingly, while the official police position was to accept the balloon theory put forward by the RAF, the police at Loup village were unconvinced. According to the desk sergeant there: 'Thomas Hutchinson is a level-headed God fearing chap. He's not the sort of man who would imagine he seized a flying saucer if, in fact, he didn't have one.' It's also worth noting that according to the 'Grimsby Evening Telegraph' of 8 September 1956, another unnamed RAF officer had said that the Hutchinson device definitely wasn't one of theirs – and he couldn't 'even hazard a guess' at what it might have been.

'Flying Saucer Captured in the Land of Leprechauns'

Initially the story provoked some interest across the Atlantic and appeared in newspapers across the United States. Much was made of the location of the strange encounter: '... a bleak, boggy land near Lough Neagh, where leprechauns, ghosts and witches have been reported sighted through the ages.'

One USA paper recognised the uniqueness of the event in Moneymore: 'To see a flying saucer is no longer unusual. There have been those persons who claim to have ridden in them and talked to their occupants. But to wrestle, even if the match was a losing one, with a flying saucer, this is a new twist.' But despite this new twist, the Moneymore incident failed to excite the press in Northern Ireland. Even though something quite unique, and of international interest, had taken place in a small corner of our country, the newspapers that did actually cover the story contented themselves re-

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porting the views of the unnamed RAF officer. As far as I can find, no follow up enquiries were ever made.

Bentwaters/Lakenheath

It's worth noting that the Moneymore incident happened one week before one of the major events in ufology. On the night of 13 August 1956, UFOs were being monitored, both visually and on radar at the RAF/USAF base at Bentwaters in England. The objects were travelling at speeds between 4,000 and 12,000 miles per hour and were making rapid changes in both speed and direction. The staff at Bentwaters contacted their colleagues at the Lakenheath base – they too had been monitoring the UFOs. The activity continued and much of it was observed by both stations simultaneously. An interceptor aircraft was dispatched to the area; it too had visual and radar contact with one of the objects while it was also being tracked by ground radar at Lakenheath and another RAF base at Neatishead.

The Bentwaters/Lakenheath incident is one of the enduring mysteries of ufology. According to Gordon David Thayer of the Condon Committee: '... any explanation even remotely conceivable seems to demand the presence of some physical object in the air over Lakenheath that August night in 1956.' And the Condon Committee concluded: '... although conventional or natural explanations certainly cannot be ruled out, the probability of such seems low in this case and the probability that at least one genuine UFO was involved appears to be fairly high.' This incident has it all: radar and visual sightings from a number of sites, multiple and highly credible witnesses, and the seal of approval from the experts. It's understandable that it should overshadow an incident in an out of the way corner of Northern Ireland. But forty five years later, another incident occurred that also failed to trigger any journalistic curiosity.

The Benaughlin Mountain Incident

At 6 pm on Tuesday, 13 February 2001, Northern Ireland police received a report that an aircraft had crashed on Benaughlin Mountain, near Kinawley in County Fermanagh. At first this was taken as a hoax, but then other members of the public came forward – all making very similar reports. Some said that they had seen a burning aircraft crash into the mountain; while others reported seeing a 'bright light trailing smoke'. According to one witness: 'I could see this thing moving, going down. To me it was like a plane, it was definitely coming down.' The Republic of Ireland's police, the Gardaí, also received similar reports from their side of the border. The descriptions, location and time matched those reports in the north. And according to the 'Belfast Telegraph' of 14 February 2001, Erne Hospital, in Enniskillen, was put on standby after they received reports that there were two passengers on board the mystery aircraft. A search of the area was car-

ried out that night by police and troops, along with helicopter support. Nothing was found, but another search was carried out the following morning. However, after two aerial surveys with heat detection equipment failed to find anything, and all local aircraft had been accounted for, the search was called off. It does seem odd that so many people should make such similar reports for there to be nothing behind it; that so many people, from a number of different vantage points, should suffer the same illusion. But for Dr Napier at the Armagh Observatory the answer was obvious: 'The information is consistent with a meteor or meteorite in the high atmosphere. It is quite common for people who see a brilliant shooting star to think it has just disappeared behind a hill or something. The thing might be 100 miles up. It is a simple illusion.'

On 16 October 2001, Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government about the search operation that had taken place following reports of the crash of an unidentified object in Northern Ireland. Lord Bach, on behalf of the Ministry of Defence, replied that police and troops, along with helicopter support, had searched the area on the evening of 12 February and the morning of 13 February. And according to Lord Bach, they found no evidence of a crashed aircraft or a fire.

Lord Hill-Norton's use of the phrase "unidentified object" is interesting, as was his next question at the same session. Lord Hill-Norton asked Lord Bach for details of any materials held by the Ministry of Defence relating to the Rendlesham Forest incident, the United Kingdom's most famous UFO incident. Did Lord Hill-Norton believe that something more exotic than a meteorite was behind the Benaughlin Mountain incident? However, our local media looked no further than Napier's meteorite theory. And like the Moneymore incident 30 years earlier, there was little curiosity about this strange incident, nor any exploration of alternative explanations for what witnesses had reported.

Another town – another farmer

The events at Moneymore are possibly nothing more than an amusing case of misidentification. However, nine years earlier, another farmer found strange debris scattered across his land. An officer from a nearby air base collected and examined the debris and identified it as belonging to a flying saucer. However, this was soon retracted and the mystery litter identified as a weather balloon. But thirty years later, the original officer told ufologists that the balloon story had been a ruse – the debris really had been from a flying saucer. As we now know, this 'confession' turned a forgotten about UFO incident into the legend that is Roswell. If the unnamed Aldergrove RAF officer were to be interviewed today, might he reveal that there was more than a weather balloon in Moneymore that day?

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Gorebridge is a small, ex-coal mining town about 15 miles south of Edinburgh, the Scottish capital city. Today it forms part of an increasingly urbanised network of similar satellite towns on the outskirts of the capital. My family originally comes from this area, and like so many others, its men had been miners. Drafted to fight in both world wars, they returned to a community that was about to be changed forever. For, in amongst the hustle and bustle of these human affairs there had also been a long-simmering, non-human agenda of secret meetings and whispered stories that was about to explode onto the human stage for all to see.

THE BALLAD OF THE GORE, April 1916, JBH

Published by the Committee of Borthwick Horticultural and Industrial Association in Aid of the Red Cross (local) and Newington House Training Home for Scottish Soldiers and Sailors Blinded in the War, the ballad goes like this:

‘... Proud Arniston; in ‘fairs o’ state
for ages Laird and son
Soldiers, Lawyers, Statesmen great
richt sterlin’ work has done,
Wae on the day shouldt frae’t be gane
The auld race o’ Dundas;
May that ne’er be, but lang there reign

its Leddy and its Lass ...’

The Gorebridge story with its ‘auld races’ probably started within the mists of ancient Scotland, its blue aquatic ‘Draco’ [Rev Kirk, 1697] and weaving its mystical paths amongst the legends of the Biblical ‘Fall’ and the wars of Heaven.



Carved in Latin in the stones of a local 19th Century architectural folly in the woods near Gorebridge the text speaks of witnessing works of God. Stone-lined tunnel networks allegedly link archaic stone circles and underground kingdoms to the creatures of Atlantis and the activities of mankind on the Earth’s surface. These interactions and faerie stories have been collected into a rich tapestry of local folklore by noted collectors, such as Mary Macleod Banks in her British Calendar Customs,

Vols. 1-3, 1937.

It is little wonder, therefore, that the fantasy fairy tale writer, J.R.R. Tolkien, would take much of his inspiration from these marvellous tales of elves and goblins. To wit, many of the local place-names in and about the Gorebridge area are already known as part of Tolkien's epic fantasy tale, *The Hobbit* and his trilogy, *Lord of the Rings*, e.g. 'Goblin Halls' and the 'Dunedain'. Here, Tolkien's superhuman 'Rangers' are named after the old name for Edinburgh, 'Dunedain', and his fictional faerie Kingdom 'Lothlorien' is similarly named after the kingdom of King Loth of the Lothians. The Lothians are the lands adjacent to the Scottish capital, Edinburgh, and have been observed as being very active as UFO window or entry areas both currently and in the last century, as well as places of faerie encounters during medieval times. Indeed, in central Scotland, the Bonnybridge-Falkirk UFO triangle was at one point recently called the 'golden circle' due to the number of lottery wins that were happening there!

History also has it that Scotland is the land of the 'Orcs', another of Tolkien's monsters borrowed from Scottish lore. More recently, one of the local Lairds, a Sinclair, has laid claim to the mysterious Rosslyn Chapel bloodline, styling himself as the 'Earl of Orcus'. It is very clear to anyone knowing this history that fantasy writer Tolkien found a rich seam of historic truths and half-truths to entwine into his modern classics.

Historically, the nature of the faerie story mutates to keep pace with mankind's social appearances and technology, from flying chariots and coaches to dirigibles, ghost cars and silent jets. Essentially, however, the beings responsible for these displays of strangely behaving, but often human-looking technologies, have also had a taste for what appears to be a long-standing agenda of human abduction. Folklore, both ancient and modern, affirms this. Apologists will try to argue that alien interference is for our own, long-term human 'good', pointing out, for example, that these advanced beings are trying to produce the DNA formula of an advanced human hybrid with unlimited potential. I would reply, however, with the question, "What highly advanced, allegedly interstellar race needs several thousand years to concoct an efficient hybrid?"

Pointedly, the agenda for mankind as many Scottish folklore collectors from the past have noted, e.g. Kirk (1697) and Campbell (1902), and as authors such as Nigel Kerner, *Song of the Greys* (1998), have more recently noted is much more likely to be sinister in nature, traditionally having taken the form of oppression against the human soul.

Gorebridge, approximately 15 miles south of Edinburgh, continues to display all the hallmarks of an active alien

presence and occupation zone. Many of the encounters that have been experienced there can only be described as surreal, which Dr. J.A. Hynek, the father of Ufology, characterised in his speech to the UN in November 1978 as 'high strangeness', an extreme 'oddness' symptomatic of alien encounters.

Gorebridge UFO

Above and over the area of an extensive cavern system that also takes in Rosslyn to the west, and Gifford and Goblin Halls to the east, have been regular UFO sightings, both historically and more recently. Reports from this area have spoken of, e.g.,:

Historically the skies over East Lothian, again within a 20-30 mile radius of Edinburgh have been noted for the world's first ever recorded chemtrail when the vastly outnumbered Scottish nation recorded a divinely-aided victory over superior English opposition at Athelstaneford, the St Andrews cross – white crossed clouds on azure blue sky appeared to encourage the Scots that St Andrew would be their Patron Saint, in 832AD

Then in those same skies in the same locality Air Marshall - then Flight Lieutenant, Victor Goddard experiences a time slip and prophetic vision of Drem airfield, not the disused junkyard of his day in 1935, but of the renovated World War 2 airfield of 1939 with the technology and apparel of the day exactly as it would be.

Today, 10 miles to the west at Gorebridge,

- Observations of massive low-level ships,
- witnessing early-morning abductions,
- seeing operational stargates near the cavern systems,
- desperate spooks trying to get a handle on the alien manoeuvres,
- over-flying ships and 40 spherical, black drones above Barleyknowe Road at rooftop height witnessed by the entire street,
- black choppers – rooftop height,
- cattle mutilations on film,
- multiple sightings,
- lights at the old mine, Roman camp
- alien materialisation, Poltergeist and EVP phenomena
- greys photographed in the woods,
- holographic hardware that mimics military activity,
- and of ships chasing cars down the local road, to name just a few.

One of several local witnesses at Gorebridge is John 'Jackie' Gillies, who, since 1999, has personally amassed a vast archive of local UFO footage. For example, at the old Blinkbonny Mine in Gorebridge, John encountered a tall, grey alien on one of his regular walks out, known in ufology as a 'Grey', who he later described as having "elephantine" grey, wrinkled skin, tattoos and glowing blue eyes, and whose telepathic powers were overwhelming.



Both the old mine and Roman camp (or fort) at Gorebridge are known together as 'the camp'. Locals have frequently observed this to be a place of disturbing activities and close encounters, e.g. a couple of local men were driven from there by what appeared to be a huge, glowing, green eye while out collecting pine trees to sell at Christmas, taking place in absolute darkness except for their torch. Other locals also noticed strange lights in the sky that seemed to lift off from the same vicinity. Another incident is of a local man who had gone out walking on his own and had taken the trail through the mine area, noting at the time that he was visibly on his own. However, suddenly, out of nowhere, there appeared an eight-foot tall, bare-chested, shaven-headed, barbarian-like man or creature walking directly behind him, braving the Scottish weather as if comically on his way to play a film extra in some Mad Max movie.

The (Roman) camp is also known as Gowkshill. In Scotland a 'gowk' is a name given to someone who appears to be otherworldly and 'away with the faeries' in a stupid or awkward sort of way. Aptly named, there indeed appears to be a number of mysterious happenings in that neck of the Scottish woods, including the regular, but unexplained loss of livestock.

Another incident involves a friend and myself. As we drove up to the old Blinkbonny mine, aka 'the camp', we were approached from behind by a large, dark, 4x4 vehicle, which then swept past us and went up to the mine entrance, but then quickly turned and came back down towards us.

As it passed, I could clearly see two suited, middle-aged executive-type men in the car, noting in my rear-view mirror that after it went past us it then stopped and turned again! This time, however, it proceeded to go up the same road we would be turning on to go back home. We continued our way up to 'the camp', but disappointed in not seeing any of the alien 'ships' that people have allegedly seen parked there, we simply turned and headed back down. As we drove along the road towards home,

the same 4x4 came towards us, but this time occupied by two casually dressed, not suited as before, worldly-looking, younger and fitter men. Where had the other two 'men-in-black' individuals gone? Somehow the occupants of the 4x4 we had seen just a couple minutes earlier had now totally shifted their appearance. Why? How? These questions remain unanswered.

Another odd occurrence in Gorebridge concerns a character called 'Colonel Joe,' an elderly mil-

itary gentleman in a grey tweed suit who drove an old black classic Bentley. The Colonel had phoned John Gillies asking if he would meet up with him in nearby Vogrie Park to discuss some important information he had, but not before intercepting him en-route and putting a cloaking device on the bonnet of his car to "neutralise surveillance." He proceeded to tell John about long-existing alien activity in the area, producing 1950s maps and stories that went all the way back to that bygone era. On checking out this story, I was able to spot Colonel Joe and his car on the camp road, taking a respectful glance at this modern-day observer and record keeper of Gorebridge's alien trespassers, of which I, too, have a collection of alien images taken at this very same locality. Another story takes place on a night in 2008 when John Gillies had been at his home in Birkenhead, a village at the south end of Gorebridge. He looked out of his window and saw what he thought was a strobing blue light, immediately thinking police or a fire vehicle. However, on closer inspection, there was no service vehicle outside and the lights were gone—the blue lights now inside his house. However, this was not an isolated event. Since the start of 2008, the Gillies family were awakened almost every night between 3:30 and 4 a.m. by either a noise or an event, as had several of their neighbours, describing one such event like a window being hit with a snowball in the middle of summer.

John Gillies has had many remarkable experiences, not easily explained except as acts of 'high strangeness', that curious calling card of alien presence. On one such occasion he describes being able to hear rising notes of variable pitch for no reason whatsoever, these sounds simply manifesting. However, on eventually recognising the use of tone machinery, possibly being used to communicate, he went to his window and standing outside in the garden saw the same grey alien with the heart-shaped head that he had once filmed in a low-flying holographic chopper 150 feet from his door. Was this alien trying to communicate, even possibly attempting to have him join the local exodus of greys that took place at the small stargate

in December 2007 near the caverns at the Limekilns in Middleton? An answer would not be forthcoming as that invitation was left unheeded.

John was also able to watch this operational stargate at Middleton in use one night during one of his many night watches and spoke of seeing a glowing bluish white portal about ten feet across that opened up but cast no light on the local vegetation after it had opened. He then witnessed massive ships offloading supplies overhead and while this was happening claims to have been able to see through space to the plains and cities of Mars. In contrast to this rather mild 'star brother' story above, however, is the story of how one night the Gillies family were awakened by a crash of glass downstairs. On going down to their living room, they witnessed thousands of glass fragments from the coffee table writhing on the floor like a snake. Equally terrifying is the story of the family pet dog, a thickset Rottweiler, being lifted up by its throat high in the air by an invisible arm. Or of seeing a strange, slow moving, small-winged aircraft streaking out blue fork-lightning from both of its sides while flying low over the town, an eerie and somewhat Gothic sight.

Grey at Gowks Hill

The ongoing events chronicled at Gorebridge are on the increase, without even including those untold numbers not recorded, nor do they centre on one family alone. Those that have been recorded include photographs of the machinery that aliens use to harvest cattle which they then render, a photo of the top half of a cow flying through the air, photos of greys in a chopper 150 feet off the ground in a built-up area, too low for normal craft, as well as UFO car chases down the A7 road. These events are almost inevitably sinister with respect to the Earth's life forms.

Regular reports also include take-offs being sighted from the adjacent Pentland Hills and overflies at Mayfield near Edinburgh, which point directly to what is also now happening in and about the Gorebridge area. There have been recent local reports of a big mutilated deer hanging high up in a tree, with further alien activity once again noted in and around the local woods. This increasing activity culminated last year in my being able to obtain pictures of 'Greys' in the local woods at Crichton Castle, along with close shots of some unknown technological artefact.

It is not unfeasible, therefore, nor does it take a great leap of faith to seriously consider that Gorebridge is likely replete with alien technology, operating not only at 'the camp' level and in the woods, but also at street level. Ex-special forces night footage shows white lights flashing here and there in the town at night. I have also taken pictures of some strange looking technology on peoples' roofs with an alien figure running across one of

these. Indeed, not very far away from where these pictures were taken a lady (Mrs. X) claims visitation by beings that are scanning her DNA and who have relayed to her they belong to a humanoid species who are alien but look human, and who need to do biomedical research. Their leader is called 'Alda', who has an alleged army at his disposal called 'Mendaps', as well as technicians and counsellors, one of whom claims to have been able to help restructure Mrs. X's mind for more advanced things.

John Gillies, himself, feels that he is mysteriously drawn towards a local operational portal, which he has witnessed operating on numerous occasions. The field in which this portal is situated is within the area of the underground limestone cavern system at which there have also been numerous sightings over the years of strange beings by the gamekeepers and shepherds who reside there.

On the evening of Tuesday, August 21, 2007 John drove down his usual route to the portal area at the local Crichton Castle ruin, adjacent to a massive cavern system, and reputedly haunted with ghosts, strange watchdogs, werewolves and various monsters to keep folks away on nights such as these. So far, nothing unusual had happened. However, as John drove back to Gorebridge along the narrow country road, he passed a farm that had previously moved one of its dairy herds near to where alien activity had been taking place. He decided to stop his car, when suddenly he heard and then saw three low-flying military jets roaring over the neighbourhood, alerting individuals who were outdoors to a military exercise that was happening or about to happen. But what occurred next was quite astounding, even to John Gillies, a long-time UFO observer. He began filming two UFOs. One was a large cylindrical, vertically upright device with a tube coming out of it and a glass-domed control room on top, with some clear pictures later turning out. Flying above it was a smaller escort craft. Next, however, came the horrid sight of the top half of a bull, being thrust up into the air, snatched and mutilated in plain sight, away from the peace of its grazing.

During this past summer, (2015) John Gillies and I investigated further reports from villagers in the Gorebridge area about fields "lighting up at night" between Gorebridge and the village of Carrington. Gillies was not surprised by this as he had recent footage of these same fields lighting up and then soon after, of huge ghostly oblong, container-like vehicles rising up through these fields before heading off. He also had daytime footage of a strange tornado-like cloud on the ground at that exact same place (Scotland is not traditionally a place of tornadoes). Are these events related? Possibly. What is certain is that this locality is as normal as an alien freight terminal. Special Ops harassment of the Gillies is less overt these days, with one particularly intimidating con-

tact with an executive-type figure who demanded to know about the alien experiment with Comet '17P/Holmes' now thankfully stopped. John Gillies relates, however, of unusual coercion tactics still being used, for example, of being sent images of a dark interrogation room as an incentive to co-operate with a military operation that claimed to be part of the Nation State of the United Kingdom, with the contact person using the name 'Windsor'. This person appeared to be barking like a robot, with Gillies being warned that things would not go well for him if he told anyone. However, this intimidation did not work, as John Gillies did not co-operate, nor did he keep quiet about this incident. I was lucky to have a local personality who had operated ghost tours get involved with the unusual events happening at Gorebridge, but on the day I drove him around, he returned home to find thousands of dollars' worth of stolen camera gear left on his doorstep, clearly off-putting. The local Member of Parliament at that time, David Hamilton, who was then contacted, declined to make any official issue of these matters, simply stating that all such reports coming out of Gorebridge were merely based on a solitary 'one-off' event.

On St Andrew's day 2008 – November the 30th at about 2pm, John Gillies was walking beside the Moorfoot hills escarpment near Middleton at Gorebridge, when he saw two diamond shaped UFO's of the sort reported, photographed and submitted to the MoD regarding the Calvine incident near Pitlochry in the 1990's. The Daily Express in 2015 report that the MoD covered up sensational proof of ET's by shredding the photos. In 2008, though, Gillies pulls out his camera and starts filming the two hovering diamond shaped ships, then soaring into view come two Paragliders from behind the hill, catching the updraft from the escarpment they circle over the two UFO's, then suddenly between the two UFO's, a hovering theatrically lit platform with coloured lights appears and then the two paragliders descend and land on it with all the precision of a well-planned military operation.

It being St Andrews day one might be led to assume that people un-

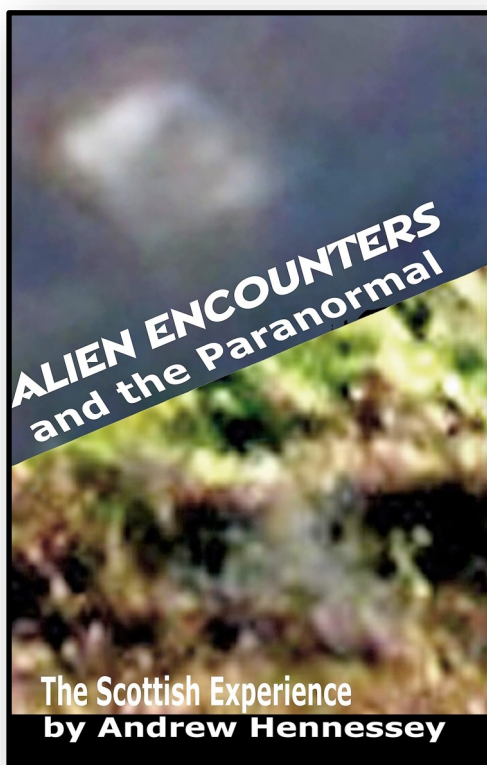
known appeared to be representing Scotland to aliens the Ministry of Defence doesn't want the people of Scotland to know about !! There are definitely very strange things happening at Gorebridge. Thus, despite the influx of new residents and housing at Gorebridge, a reinstated commuter railway and all the applications and media technology associated with the 21st Century available to the populace, the run-of-the-mill alien agenda still operates business as usual here. The local non-humans, be they faeries, greys, demons in silver suits, or seemingly friendly 'star brothers', just keep on doing what they have always done. Whether or not these beings can maintain their grip on the psyche of the local humans, however, through their ongoing, sometimes terrifying, displays, remains to be seen.

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PART 1

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It is exactly 70 years since the society of the United States was thrilled and shaken by the first report of "flying saucers". This was the early sighting by Kenneth Arnold on June 24, 1947. It also started a phenomenon ufologists would later call "wave", a huge avalanche of reports throughout all the nation's newspapers. It was short lived and profiled as a sharp Gaussian curve developed over only three weeks: following the initial sighting's press coverage, news interest ignited, peaked, reached a saturation point and quickly declined.

This aftermath triggered two important developments: (1) the stories were disseminated all over the globe, taking on a life of their own in every country, and (2) the Army Air Force (later, USAF) jumped on the matter, beginning to investigate the visions of flying saucers (later, unidentified flying objects or UFOs). Seven decades of UFO history have provided countless facts and histories, actions and reactions, military and civilian initiatives, Congress and Parliamentary hearings, symposia, scientists and laypersons declarations, and countless UFO related portrayals in media, cinema, television, publishing and advertisement, daily bombarding and influencing the citizens. Not to mention the millions of supposed UFO reports that emerged from the public and the feedback they yielded.

Not to neglect the important effect produced by thousands of UFO proponents all over the globe, people that James Carrion, ex-CEO of MUFON, the top UFO organization in the world, characterized as "self-proclaimed investiga-

tors or investigation journalists, whose modus operandi is to perpetuate the mystery, not to solve it".

Seen from a European perspective, this diagnostics is right on target. In the past people regarded strange phenomena in the sky as signs, portents, and wonders, understood in religious or folkloric terms. Only on rare occasions were such sights reported and recorded—in the Middle Ages by a learned monk, later by a naturalist or scientist, today by the media. Since the XIX century, literature and press, and more recently, cinema and television, have helped to create fictional expectations in the minds of people.

This science-fiction scenario had a disastrous effect on the eyewitnesses, reducing their critical judgment and matter-of-factly obstructing a rational self-evaluation of the event observed. This problem infects even elite observers like pilots, military personnel or scientists, whose reports—as experience demonstrates—ultimately are explained in mundane, conventional terms at the same rate as those by laymen.

Close review of UFO sighting reports, especially those of higher strangeness or image recording examples, reveals that every instance is individualistic (unique and exclusive). There are not two occurrences equal, in the same way that there are no two UFO photographs perfectly equal. Except for a general resemblance due to known symbols from the collective imaginary, every craft's shape, dimension and kinetics, or every occupant's biometry and behaviour is dissimilar. It is like a theatre of the absurd. It rather looks like the result of everyone's own creative imagination. Case after case, when duly documented and analysed, is demolished or downgraded.

Every day that goes by, we hear of another classic UFO

case long considered uncanny and insoluble, now probed and found to have an ordinary, conventional cause. Here is one of the most recent discoveries: for years, Western ufologists have praised the 1979 dossier by Gindilis, Men'kov & Petrovskaya (USSR Academy of Sciences) reviewing a collection of apparently unsolvable UFO sightings in Russia, mainly centred on a 1967 wave. UFOs were not an American construction after all!

Yet investigations by Dr. Yulii Platov first and, recently, work by Jim Oberg, completely trashed the reliability of the Soviet research, showing that most of 1967 cases corresponded to Russian military space activities (the Fractional Orbital Bombardment System or FOBS). Another piece of “scientific” evidence that failed.

Advanced imaging systems aboard military aircraft are available today in such numbers that one could expect that UFO images would be recorded frequently, if UFOs appeared in the atmosphere with the regularity some reports suggest. The bare truth is that the evidence of anything exceptional or singular recorded with such powerful means is extremely poor or non-existent: for example, the recent most important cases of airborne infrared video technology captures (2004, Campeche in Mexico; 2013, Aguadilla in Puerto Rico; and 2014, Navidad in Chile) were explained as something as earthly and trivial as oil wells flames, a likely balloon, and an airplane aerodynamic contrail, respectively.

In the 1950s charismatic UFO organizations were established, only to close down decades later without having achieved their main objective, to prove that flying saucers exist. Nothing extraordinary or persuasive was transmitted, only thousands of “UFO journals” pages filled with stories and lots of cabinets with innumerable cases files destined to yellow with the passage of time.

Nowadays, private centres devoted to the “study” of UFOs can be counted on one hand's fingers. The healthiest-funded one, set up in Sweden, is mainly dedicated to preserve UFO archives, well aware of the increasing number of retiring ufologists, abandoned files, and shut down organizations. In the United States, a scientific-oriented organization was founded in the year 2000 under the logical premise that if UFOs intrude in the atmosphere, their activity might result in a hazard to aviation safety.

In his January 2017 resignation letter, the scientific director stated that no such major problem had been detected. This conclusion is to be expected if no physical UFOs share the air space with our aircraft. No specialist in any scientific discipline will understand why, if evidence exists on the reality of actual visits from outer space, it has not been formally presented to the world. Neither articles in UFO journals nor documentaries in TV channels will serve. They say that mainstream science will never accept

it. False.

Science is always avid for new findings. In this case, the argument is even more fallacious because the relevance to society—if UFOs were true—is far greater than the discovery of the Higgs boson or the latest tribe in Amazonia, for example. Objects heavier than the air will not fly, humans wouldn't travel to the Moon, stones cannot fall from the sky, are some of the many widely-held beliefs proved wrong by scientific and technological advancements or by empirical evidence.

The self-correcting mechanism is something inherent to science. If there was real evidence of UFOs pointing to an extra-terrestrial origin, it would be perfectly acceptable. Contrary to what has been often repeated, the public is prepared for this scenario.

But UFO data is consumed only by ufologists. Analyses that appear to confirm discoveries (anomalous images, biological effects on the ground or on vegetal tissue, electromagnetic interferences to equipment, you name it) are almost always performed by believers, and often irrespective of whether they have appropriate experience or hold advanced degrees. Apparently amazing findings are not delivered to peer-review mainstream science journals, and the rare exceptions do not generate any positive feedback.

Only a continuing research in the future will reveal how much wrong and bad science was signed by established physicists, engineers, and other pro-UFO scientists. On the other hand, what it is easier to find in academic journals are articles showing models to explain classes of extreme UFO experiences, like the abductions, postulated as instances of psychological confusion like sleep paralysis, fantasy proneness, or disorders. In this particular segment of reports, clearly induced by published books and TV programs, we find the grievous paradox that the maximum promoter of the physical reality of extra-terrestrial kidnapping was a Harvard psychiatrist!

This is one of the multiple extravagances one can meet in the study of UFOs. It is a tested fact that deeply-rooted, extremist beliefs take root in all minds. Unfortunately, we find it also in science, not only in politics or religion. Ufology not only fails to advance, it is a vicious circle. Today we see UFO news publicized on the internet with the same old images of lens flares or aircraft contrails that seemed strange in the 1950s. Because there are no academic or authoritative criteria universally accepted, and no hard evidence that exists as a certainty, past mistakes recur over and over.

Ufology is immersed in a loop that never ends. Lately, I have read about IFF (Identification Friend or Foe) signals picked up from unknown traffic during the 1950s and 1960s and now offered as examples of hard evidence. In my view, if a “UFO” responded to IFF interrogation even

in apparent encrypted mode, it is more logical to suspect that radar triggered an aircraft's transponder than to attribute the response to an extra-terrestrial spacecraft equipped with earthly IFF systems.

The ETT the theory that flying saucers are space visitors was adopted immediately, especially by book writers looking for sensation. It was not a supposition that needed half a century to evolve after large amounts of reliable, substantiated evidence was collected. Not indeed. Marketed books in 1950 definitely linked flying saucers to outer space. We should look back and consider the quality and magnitude of the "proof" that existed between 1947 and 1949 to back up such assertions, because it formed the foundation of the case for extra-terrestrial UFOs.

Let us take the best-authenticated, most detailed, and strangest reports collected during the first three years of the flying saucer phenomenon and examine them in a neutral and objective manner. The result will be no support for the claim that UFOs come from another planet. But by then beliefs and impressions derived from those reports had launched a vivid and influential idea of extra-terrestrial visitation. Lack of probative evidence posed no obstacle to the extra-terrestrial hypothesis (ETH), or should I say ETT, because for believers the idea did not serve as a working hypothesis but as an established theory and taken for granted by all leading ufologists at that time.

The theory settled in as accepted fact even prior to the landings and creature encounters, the photographs and footage, and many of the military and pilot incidents that have shaped the imagery of the UFO phenomenon as we know it. The ETT preceded most of the events now cited as proof that the ETT is true (e.g., the landings of 1954 in France, the worldwide surge of 1965, the humanoid wave in USA in 1973, and more). These subsequent occurrences or episodes might really sustain an alien origin for UFO reports IF they were true. But this all happened many years after the ETT was in force. So we are facing here an interesting situation: an idea based largely on poorly investigated incidents and shaped by the fertile imagination of writers fond of sensationalism finally created a "real" phenomenon that both housed and draws its observational substance from those previous, weak tales.

How is that possible? This has been possible by the conjunction of a continuing flow of new UFO stories, increasingly weird and absurd, and the fuel contributed by magazines and books, motion pictures, television films and documentaries. Once the belief is established, sightings never cease to pour into the system, and a new-born mythology grows and matures.

The myth evolved differently in various countries accord-

ing to their particular cultural idiosyncrasies. One of the nations where the impact of the UFO phenomenon has been greater and more aberrant is Brazil. The number of UFO touch down reports is incredibly high, the accounts of humanoid beings associated to those landings (with the richest possible variety of morphologies, from dwarfs to giants, including one-eyed monsters) are innumerable.

In 2009, the Brazilian historian Rodolpho Gauthier published his bachelor thesis which credited "a combination of sensationalist journalism, fear of an atomic conflict and fascination with space exploration" for the emergence of the idea that extra-terrestrials were visiting the Earth aboard flying saucers. I am convinced that similar work in other countries will expose the trends, influences and motivating factors that solidified the belief in flying saucers as vehicles from other worlds.

We will realize that, in many countries, this media-triggered belief predated the local UFO waves to come, ones that afterwards were exhibited as examples of UFO displays. Similarly, US historians must deeply delve into the influence and weight that personages like Ray Palmer or Kenneth Arnold himself, the science fiction tabloids of the epoch and magazines like FATE, had on the invention and the willingness to accept the close association of flying saucers and UFOs to the ETT.

The bottom line here is that the idea of interplanetary UFOs precedes the myth. Though debatable whether Kenneth Arnold's foundational sighting remains an authentic mystery or just a formation of pelicans, as proposed, it is certain that the publicity associated with the observation sparked the craze. And people started reporting "disks" by the hundreds, as soon as the popular name "flying saucer" was coined in this context, though it is not sure that this shape accurately reflects what Arnold saw. The popular, widely acclaimed extra-terrestrial theory is opposed by the realistic "all can be explained in conventional terms" position of the sceptics.

Yet other odd theories have been proposed such as time traveller's, evil forces, or UFOs operating as a control system.

These are purely undemonstrated and indemonstrable speculations that range from the lunatic to the very well rhetorically-crafted and breathtakingly imaginative. But in my humble opinion, they are no more than literature after all.

There is also a flagrant contradiction between the alleged non-contact-policy of aliens, postulated by some UFO theorists, with their marked exhibitionist character when they flaunt their presence at night with all their lights turned on! Unless what is seen is simply astronomical bodies, fireballs, aircraft, high-altitude balloons, re-entries, missile launches, and the like, objects better ob-

servable during evening and night, as statistics show. Attitudes Between sceptical researchers and radical believers there is an ample gradation of investigators who hold positions ranging from mild scepticism to a firm nuts and bolts conviction. The first usually endure derogatory names like pelicanists, debunkers, deceivers, and worse; the last have an educated tendency to gullibility and credulity.

But all of them agree in public that most sighting reports are misperceptions and phenomenological garbage. Typically, however, the latter strive to maintain that the cases they have investigated or catalogued qualify as UFOs: if over 90% of events are IFOs, this percent drastically drops when it comes to their own favourite cases. Somehow a Mark Twain's phrase is applicable here: "You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus." You can wrap yourself in ufo-logical academism and state that you do not look for extra-terrestrials in your research but a new atmospheric phenomenon, an optical anomaly, etc., but in reality what you are supporting are those traditional photographs showing flying discs, the old-fashioned landing reports or the lunacy of abductions.

To some audiences you hide your true beliefs to appear scientific (even you may be a scientist yourself!) and abhor the term UFO and use UAP (or any variants), but underlying these dodges is a conviction that UFOs are nothing less than visitors from outer space. It explains the harsh attacks you receive after solving a prominent UFO case. Your standing within ufology collapses. And it hurts.

There is nothing more frustrating than realizing that you have wasted your life in the pursuit of a mirage or a delusion. Time and again a seemingly water-tight UFO incident springs a leak and skinks. Even case histories that acquired fame and that required books to be told meet inglorious finales. It is realised how even the most impressive accounts end up beyond belief, simply implausible. But the believer soon exchanges the previous disappointment for a shiny-new, surely insoluble "unknown". And so the merry-go-round continues. The believer never quits.

The Government In the USA, the USAF has declassified some 15,000 UFO cases, amounting to some 150,000 pages and the US Government through the departments of Defence, State and Army, plus CIA, DIA, NSA, and FBI agencies has disclosed circa 12,000 additional pages of documents related to UFOs.

Nevertheless, neither the Air Force, the Government, the intelligences services, nor the University have been able to sort out, learn or draw lessons from thousands of UFO reports. Nothing close to "reverse engineering" to help improving space research or the weapon industry. Incom-

petence? No-one guessed that they were handling a gold mine with remarkable potential to advance science and technology? They all knowingly dismissed this opportunity? In view of such huge release, the speculative proposition that there is hidden information in secret vaults of the US Administration seems quite questionable. After all "evidential resources" proved nothing but unimpressive stuff, some resort to believe that the Holy Grail of UFO evidence is treasured in the still unreleased reports, when such documents –if in existence– are probably on hold due to issues affecting national security, not to withheld alien secrets.

Many other countries had their own shares of UFO reports and their Air Forces were involved in the evaluation of cases reported to the military. Most of Governments have declassified or released their UFO archives: England, Australia, Canada, Sweden, Brazil, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Norway, Denmark, Finland (and the list does not end here) have placed in the public domain circa 100,000 pages of UFO documents, concerning over 25,000 UFO reports. Governments with an in-house, official unit to study this problem, like UK, closed down the shop in recent years. All coincided to make public their archives, asserting at the time that the reports did not represent a risk to homeland safety or air security and that no scientific information was gained in their scrutiny.

The situation in the old USSR and present Russia and Ukraine is less official but it is equally important: in the last years, a team of researchers formed chiefly by M. Gershtein, I. Kalytyuk, S. Petrov and A. Bilyk has had access to 3,000+ UFO reports from the Academy of Sciences and other Government institutions. Another 2,500 cases are scheduled to be released in the coming two years.

In Europe, only France maintains a UFO program started in 1977 and conducted under the French space agency CNES. Since 2007, GEIPAN has disclosed online over 2,500 sighting reports (~50,000 pages). The reason why France remains in the UFO business (sorry, unidentified aerospace phenomena, PAN in the French acronym) has much to do with the traditional interest in the matter by high-rank officials and established scientists, probably influenced by thinkers of the stature of Aimé Michel.

However, GEIPAN affirms that only 2% of the collected cases in the last 10 years is unidentified, but there are no signs of any current or foreseeable theoretical or technological exploitation of UFO reports data. A few Latin-American countries (Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Uruguay) maintain low-budget, modest UFO studies, basically to monitor observations reported by official channels.

In most cases this is a political response to people's demand for higher transparency, and I have plainly noted

that in some instances the will-to-believe or a too credulous approach is evident within the military environment, when the UFO question is tackled. The notion held by some ufologists and writers that the US Government conceals revolutionary secrets (either information or hardware) on the origin of UFOs is practically contemporary to the commencement of Project Blue Book or its predecessors.

However, decades and various political administrations have passed, each with distinctive agendas, yet none have admitted or even hinted at holding such secrets. On the reverse, repeated official declarations have stated (for example, The White House, November 6, 2011) that “the US Government has no evidence that an extra-terrestrial presence has contacted any member of the human race. In addition, there is no credible information to suggest that any evidence is being hidden from the public’s eye”. No doubt the United States is a big power in the concert of nations, but thinking that it is the only repository of the knowledge of a technology arriving on our planet is nationalistic delusion.

Epistemological issues

From the viewpoint of philosophy of science, ufology is a freak subject, beginning with the object of study which is a negative, i.e. it gathers what we cannot identify. It means that there are infinite objects of study. For the lack of a positive definition and other reasons there is no possibility of replicating experiments. Statistics, which is a key medium to replicate experiments is useless here as the content of the samples is different according to the collectors.

Anomalies in science are important, for example the anomalous precession of Mercury’s perihelion, which helped to establish the theory of relativity. But this requires finding constants in the data and UFO phenomena are devoid of constants. Scientific theories are predictive, but what does the UFO theory predict? What experiments can we do to refute or validate the theory? A hypothesis must be falsifiable.

The ETT cannot be falsifiable...unless a flying saucer lands in the White House lawn. We all know “experiences” not satisfactorily explained. Like the extremes of a Normal curve, there will always be a residue of seeming anomalies: they show the limits of visual perception, the ceiling of our skills, some room for evaluation errors, the shortcoming of data, even our own biases.

But in no way these tailing events give shape to a congruent phenomenon that constitutes a new class of physical entities in defiance of present-day science. Much less do they suggest a manifestation of an intelligence aboard machines that have crossed the universe. My best guess for the small remnant of bona fide unsolvable cases is

that their solution lies with disciplines like eyewitness psychology or atmospheric physics. And I feel that when the solutions come these will not produce even a tremor in the international scientific world. Without accurate data no real assessment can be done.

It is essential that visual input has not been corrupted, but this is often difficult to achieve. I am convinced that many unknowns result from this sort of corruption. It probably produces most of the residuum typically invoked as the unexplainable core of the “authentic” UFO phenomenon. But verily the statistical “properties” of supposedly genuine UFOs are inseparable from the properties described in IFO reports, and this same dilemma haunts supposed similarities in the narrative structure of close encounters, landings and humanoid tales. Even alleged psychological or physiological effects, and mechanical or electrical effects are similar when we compare “true” UFOs and solved IFOs.

This indistinguishability between anomalous and conventional events (the indiscernibility concept) suggests that both have the same origin: UFOs come from inner space. Over decades of inquiring into UFO testimonies and solving them, I came to the realization that even the best, apparently irreducible cases, on which the ETT for the UFO enigma is founded, are like mirages lending appearance but no substance to sustain this claim. Yes, there are apparent idiopathic reports but they are not unassailable ones. Practically every major UFO case defended as unaccountable by believers has a plausible counter-explanation among sceptics. It is an unattainable goal to solve 100% of all circulating reports. There will always be unexplained events but it does not mean they are unexplainable.

We will always have bad input data. There will always exist people willing to deceive us. There will always be wrong analysis or biased interpretation on such observations. What do unexplained cases account for? You cannot erect a hypothesis proposing a defined nature of something on the basis of unknowns and events you cannot explain (i.e., which have an undefined nature). Only the detection of a coherent, well-assessed, multi-witnessed set of physical observations can be the foundation of a hypothesis.

A signal, even weak, within the random noise. Never a myriad of ephemeral, heterogeneous, visual or instrumental observations, which is all the residual true UFO reports in hand amount to. And even less than nothing if you wish to uphold the ETT, which is the bottom line for UFO promoters since the phenomenon was born. Can you calculate the millions of work hours devoted to UFO research in the world in the last seven decades? Never has so much work accomplished so little in any field of investigation (parapsychology and ghost-hunting apart).

The corollary is: what if there is not a real UFO phenomenon? At last, not as a unique, common phenomenon but a host of different phenomena that have been mistakenly tied up together. The irony is that this is precisely what the critics have argued ever since the early days of the UFO mystery. So where is the substantial evidence? Does it look homogenous? There circulate various lists of the 10 best, irresolvable-looking cases. Well-documented incidents witnessed by several observers, displaying features far from current knowledge on science and technology? Scientists will be eager to analyse them. The scientific journals in atmosphere physics, aeronautics or space research are certainly willing to publish revolutionary discoveries. However, the remaining set of queer-looking unknowns are old and no matter how much you sort those out you cannot build a credible breakthrough. Many tried to find Scientia in the UFO phenomenon only to come upon unmanageable gobbledygook, much to our regret. I more than anyone wishes to be proved wrong, but all indications are that in the future flying saucers and unidentified flying objects will be categorised as a mass sociological phenomenon. Today ufologists still have the opportunity to do science, but only by studying UFO raw data and demonstrating how a vision that puzzled the observer has a rational explanation. We have the chance to be didactic in the process by teaching others how to use the scientific method on claims that appear weird at first glance and even after a certain inquiry. For long time we have been searching for constants, patterns, invariants or clusters in the body of UFO data that would suggest intelligence or any recurrent law that would prove consistency.

No model has been formulated from this data pool. Nothing. In place of salient features we find only gibberish. On the other hand, sociological mechanisms have been found in the topography and timing of sightings. These facts pose more than just a minor inconvenience to any theory that postulates significant metadata within the mass of reports. What these facts point to is a chaotic collection of oddities having as many origins and natures as the people who report them; a jumble of individualistic observations sharing little in common and calling for separate explanations on a case-by-case basis. In order to recognize the existence of a new phenomenon, you would require events totally original, unambiguous, highly-strange, necessitating a novel physical framework to be understood, objective in recording, observed by scientists, and reported in mainstream scientific journals.

UFO phenomena do not adhere to these standards. Every researcher whose position has evolved from proponent to agnostic, acquires spontaneously a sort of “cross-border perspective”. This viewpoint liberates the mind from narrow habits of belief that turn every puzzling aerial object into a UFO unknown.

Once free to think outside of the UFO “box,” you investigate natural and man-made sources for alternative solutions in a more efficient manner. For example, if a reliable source reports seeing an oval object flying slower than a plane or helicopter but faster than a weather balloon through the afternoon sky, you can trust that an object of that description really flew in the area at that time. And you look for it and you research any mundane possibilities, to finally find out that a blimp fits the reported characteristics. If one was in the area, schedules and flight paths will confirm or refute your hypothesis, but if you cling to the position of the UFO proponent, your assumptions fence you in. Your desire to confirm that the object was a UFO closes your eyes to other and likelier possibilities.

Epilogue

Let me be perfectly clear: the UFO phenomenon holds transcendent significance only insofar as it results from extra-terrestrial life visiting the Earth. It is this possibility that made the ETT popular and compelling from the start. But I fear that 70 years of air incidents, close encounters, radar returns, photos and videos and other seemingly astonishing experiences do not sum up to proof that such visits have taken place. This evidence is inadequate as proof. To be realistic, however, people will not give up the flying saucer myth. Its impact on popular belief and society at large has been profound and universal, having permeated all levels of education and social class. In some form this mythology will last forever. After all, the down-to-earth solutions are dull by comparison and interest no one aside from a handful of academics.

In a reasonable prognosis for the future, the present social situation around UFO phenomena is not expected to change at the popular level. Active UFO propagandists will continue defending the ETT hell or high water through books, radio, TV and websites because this business has a market.

They are discouragement-proof and turn a deaf ear to information from all quarters about the increasing number of reports written off after analysis exposes their conventional nature. They will respond to sceptical challenges with name-calling, recycling old stories, and adulterating the scene with unsubstantiated claims and conspiracy theories. Meanwhile, the ranks of serious and objective researchers still supporting the reality of a distinct UFO phenomenon will decline, as time and lack of proof play against keeping the mere faith, the hope of a contact, or the regularly predicted (and miserably failed) expectation of recognition by the powers that be. On the other hand, it is not difficult to foretell that UFO phenomena’s cultural outlook will be increasingly treated by university scholars as a topic worthy of study, but for reasons other than those proposed by believers. Not the last word has been

uttered on this subject. There is pending research on a number of puzzling UFO observations, where the application of physical sciences is of paramount importance.

Documentalist work is required in the area of bibliographies and resource indices. History, Folklore, Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, Epistemology, Biography are amongst the many academic outlets that can provide valuable insight into the characteristics of this phenomenon. And we encourage present and future investigators to deal with it. As an example of what has already been accomplished, early this year, the Italian specialist Paolo Toselli released a database with 283 university theses and dissertations dealing with UFOs worldwide.

After 70 years of recurrent reporting, the evidence at hand should be sufficient to demonstrate the material existence of extraordinary machines that cruise our skies, interact with our environment and communicate with our fellow earthlings. Not at all. Lo and behold what was baptised by imaginative writers as visits from space has not been substantiated by cogent, palpable proof. We have collected records of ambiguous phenomena, diverse in appearance and behaviour. Most cases that seem intriguing happened years ago, while none of the thousands of so-called landing events have yielded any remarkable

evidence. As they recede further into the past, the cases that once seemed convincing will look more and more like anecdotes and tales, less and less like credible evidence that we have been visited by aliens.

Let me finish this synthesis of thoughts that condense five decades of a personal, investigative journey over the UFO subject, with a 1988 quote by a distinguished British writer and acknowledged UFO researcher, Hilary Evans: If we are to benefit from this splendid myth we have created, we must never lose sight of the fact that it is – only a myth.

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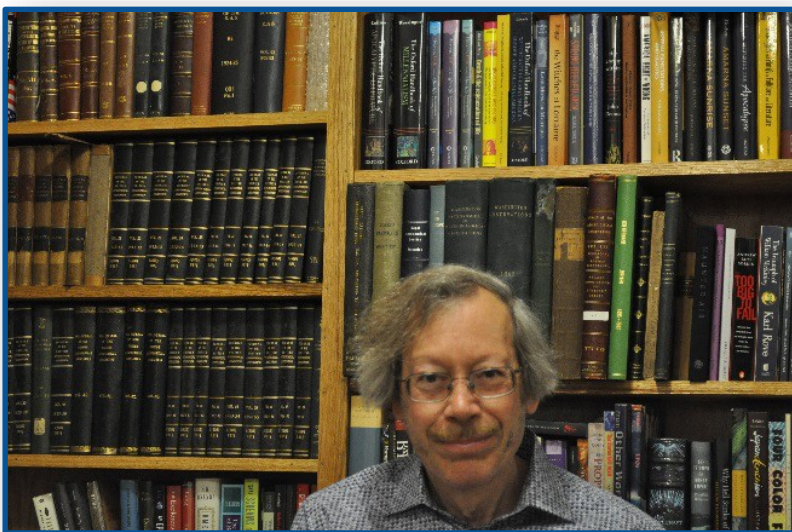
By

Thomas E. Bullard

Seventy years have passed since Kenneth Arnold reported the first “flying saucer,” the biblical threescore-and-ten that comprises the years of a natural lifespan. Perhaps this anniversary more than any other marks a symbolic moment in the history of the subject, a time to evaluate what we have learned, to look ahead, and to ask hard questions.

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos is a legendary name in ufology. He has a sterling reputation for research and thought, a long and deep familiarity with the field in all its aspects. When he speaks, the wise pause to listen, and his reflections in “The Nature of UFO Evidence” carry a special weight. His thoughts in this article express not the usual pep talk to the faithful, or a statement of progress made, or of plans for future research. His topic is heavier, his tone sombre and mournful.

He wonders, has the subject of UFOs run its course? Has the time come to admit that its life has reached an end? He recalls that



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Took an interest in UFOs as early as 1957 when he was eight years old. The interest persisted and he wrote his doctoral dissertation on the subject while a graduate student in folklore at Indiana University. He published studies of UFO abductions for the Fund for UFO Research and the Journal of UFO Studies, as well as The Myth and Mystery of UFOs for the University Press of Kansas in 2010, a book comparing UFO accounts and beliefs with extranormal encounters in myth, religion, and folklore. He has served as a board member for both the Fund for UFO Research and the Center for UFO Studies. Recently retired, he continues to write on UFO phenomenology and pre-1947 anomalous aerial objects from his home in Bloomington, Indiana. E-mail address: tbullard@indiana.edu

he took up UFO study with the same youthful enthusiasm that so many of us remember, drawn by the hope that beings from other planets were visiting the earth and a desire to be on the cutting edge in solving the greatest mystery of all time. He has shared the disappointment that many of us have felt when the years passed and the desired solution continued to elude us. Unlike some proponents, Ballester Olmos has not closed his eyes to the shortcomings of ufology, or committed himself to defend the phenomenon in spite of all reason. On the contrary, he has confronted the evidence with clear-eyed scientific judgment, and concludes that despite enormous time and effort invested in UFO research, no convincing evidence has resulted to indicate that extraterrestrial spacecraft have visited the earth. The thoughts our colleague has written for this occasion do not call us to redouble our efforts and soldier onward; rather they serve as an obituary for a failed quest.

I do not want to hear that we have tilted at windmills for decades, but sadly, I have to agree with most of what he says. Ballester Olmos argues that UFOs constitute a mythic belief rather than a phenomenon accessible to science. The basis of the belief rests on genuine sightings but the sightings themselves reduce to conventional phenomena, reshaped into something strange by ideas of what UFOs are, how they should look, and what they do. The operational term here is ideas rather than an objective truth that corresponds to them.

The extra-terrestrial theory quickly took control of the popular understanding of UFOs. Ufologists accepted this proposition, the news and entertainment media promoted it, and witnesses conformed their reports to the expectations it sowed.

Reports multiplied and grew stranger as both witnesses and ufologists made emotional commitments to their beliefs. The story expanded, its supporters rationalised and defended it, and in the end they enclosed themselves in their bubble of belief, a mythic narrative self-confirming and impervious to challenge that had taken on the semblance of truth. Although ufologists seek to portray their efforts as science, the evidence they gather does not meet scientific standards. It is voluminous but largely anecdotal and subject to the shortcomings of human observation, the illusions, misperceptions, and preconceptions that can turn Venus into a shining spaceship about to land.

With UFO evidence no replication is possible, no controlled experiments, no predictions, no falsification. Photographs are abundant but almost invariably questionable either as conventional phenomena or as hoaxes. No convincing physical trace, no alien technology, has ever fallen into human hands except as rumours. Consistencies in UFO data are few and mostly of the broad

stereotypical type that could be borrowed from popular expectations, and the properties reported for UFOs are indistinguishable from properties reported for IFOs.

The subject has undergone scientific investigation and been debated in more than one official forum but no reason to credit a genuine unknown phenomenon has emerged. A complaint that science ignores the UFO evidence is really a complaint that UFOs have not produced any evidence worthy to attract scientific attention. There are certainly anomalous UFO cases. They lend a sense of mystery, but any great mass of evidence based on human observation will have a residue of unexplained cases. Their unknown status is more likely due to human factors, like a tendency to combine unrelated observations and ascribe a desired meaning to them, than to a distinctive unknown phenomenon.

No standout recurrences distinguish the body of unknowns as coherent and unique. Even the best cases diminish in number under close sceptical investigation, suggesting with ever growing likelihood that UFOs are not objective phenomena but products of human imagination, error, expectation, and desire. UFOs come from inner space, from the human imagination and myth-making capability.

They provide subject matter for sociologists, psychologists, folklorists, and the like, but in the end Condon was right: The study of UFOs contributes nothing to physical scientific knowledge, much less proof of alien visitation. This reckoning is hard but fair. It exposes ufology as so barren in its results that anyone who doubts that this is the last word pretty much convicts him or herself as a committed true believer.

For my part I agree with the reasoning of the argument, yet I still cannot accept the absoluteness of the conclusion. I still find some substance among UFO reports and see a path, albeit narrow, that may lead to a true anomalous phenomenon, and without detours into the “alternative facts” of UFO mythology.

Both Ballester Olmos and I agree that UFOs are mythic in character. I think we also agree that the appropriate sense of “myth” here is not the mere false belief of popular usage, or the slightly more sophisticated sense of a way of understanding experiences that is not acknowledged by authoritative consensus. UFOs are mythic because a complex system of facts, alleged facts, understandings, arguments, and speculations have grown up around them. Many people accept all or part of this system and view some aspects of the world as if UFOs were factual truths, even though both the evidence and the interpretations attributed to UFOs remain in question. UFO ideas shape entertainment and imagination.

They become part of informal education and inform expectations of things to see in the sky. The myth influ-

ences—or contaminates—perception, conception, memory, verbal formulation, communication, argumentation, in other words every aspect of the UFO narrative and discussions about it.

We do not hear of, speak of, or even observe a pure phenomenon. Our relationships with UFOs are always mediated by the myth. UFOs as we know them are indisputably human products serving human purposes, but the myth is not necessarily everything.

People still see something. Often the object of observation is conventional but rendered strange by the distorting influences of the myth. Sometimes, perhaps, the object observed is strange in itself and rendered into suitable “UFO” form by the force of expectation and the need to assign an unknown to an understandable category.

The myth distorts both ways. A toxic entanglement between observation and comprehension is the common lot of humankind. The situation grows worse in the case of UFOs since official understandings seem inadequate or unsatisfying and unofficial versions take over. Ufology presents vivid examples of extreme distortion, like the case of a satellite re-entry in 1968 where several people reported windows and hull plating on an object at treetop level, when the actual stimulus was half a dozen flaming fragments a hundred miles overhead in the upper atmosphere.

Yet the appearance of anomalous sights does not automatically spell the end of objectivity. Many more observers of this re-entry described it accurately whether or not they identified it for what it was.

Considerable evidence confirms that people deserve more credit than they receive as observers of strange sights in the sky. For example a 12th-century monk, John of Worcester, entered a detailed account in his chronicle that we now recognize as a fine example of a large and brilliant meteor. He limited himself to a clear description of a phenomenon unknown to him without any effort to force the sighting into a medieval interpretive scheme.

Are UFOs mythic? Of course they are, and our human bias will always threaten to muddle observations, our human efforts to give meaning to experiences will intrude on the facticity of the objects we wish to understand. These complications are inescapable but not necessarily fatal. A disease can be explained as the result of germs, humours, or witchcraft, but while the interpretations differ, the disease remains the same and all too real.

UFOs can be both mythic and phenomenal at the same time. This duality complicates the job of understanding, but we can live with it and work around it by learning to separate the human contributions from the objective basis. The fundamental unit in any argument for UFOs is the individual sighting. At least one UFO report must

describe a genuine unknown phenomenon or the case in favour of UFOs collapses as empty. We know what we want—a landing on the White House lawn, a piece of unmistakably unearthly technology, indisputable instrumental records. We do not have these Holy Grails.

What we have are vast numbers of witness reports describing lights in the night or fleeting objects in the distance, claims of close encounters and occupants without firm evidence to back them up, indefinite landing traces and ambiguous radar contacts and photos that may be fakes. The great majority of these reports have conventional answers or lie in a broad “gray area” where nothing can be proved either way. No wonder Ballester Olmos has grown cynical.

Anyone who has confronted these mountains of disappointment feels the pangs of despair. At the same time, ufology does have a collection of unsolved cases that is significant in size and meaningful in evidential value. These cases describe unknowns not just in the trivial sense of insufficient information or nobody has really tried to solve them, but in a robust sense of cases rich in description, provocative in strangeness, and impervious to conventional solution even though sceptics have attempted time and again to explain them. Astronomer Lincoln La Paz and others saw a white rounded object manoeuvre during daylight in 1947. He was able to triangulate it and calculate its speed. Its actions distinguished it from either a balloon or an aircraft.

In 1968 the crew of a B-52 approached Minot AFB when a very large object appeared on radar, heading toward the plane and turning away just before a collision. At the behest of ground control the plane circled the area and observed a large glowing object on the earth below. These highly trained personnel confirmed the presence of an unknown object also detected from the ground by radar and visual witnesses.

Multiple persons at O'Hare Airport in 2006 saw a disk-shaped object just below the cloud deck. The object rose and punched a “cookie-cutter” hole in the clouds, a process that would require a great deal of heat energy. Cases such as these offer multiple quality witnesses and instrumental support or the chance to “do some science” with results that suggest an unusual phenomenon.

Here is the foundation for a genuine and puzzling UFO phenomenon. Ballester Olmos readily admits that ufology has its unknowns. His concern is that they do not remain unknowns forever and yield sooner or later to conventional solution. This course has certainly become familiar.

The Yukon “giant mother ship” UFO of 1996 and the Phoenix Lights of 1997 attracted a great deal of attention among ufologists. These cases seemed strong until sceptics

tics provided convincing explanations of a satellite re-entry for one and a flight of military aircraft for the other. Yet the sceptics are not always the safe bet.

The Exeter case of 1965 has had numerous solutions, some that actually addressed the sighting and some that were laughable, but the sceptics took their best shot when they attributed the UFO to a re-fuelling aircraft. This was an intelligent proposal but it fell apart under close analysis; so have all the others.

About one-fourth of the cases investigated by the Condon Committee emerged as unknowns. Some cases, among them the best in the files, do seem to be “ironclads” defensible against conventional solutions. Conversely, some explanations such as Blue Book personnel used to clear their docket of difficult reports, amount to no more than slipshod excuses that explain nothing.

A number of explanations succeed only as reminders that the rationalising of sceptics can distort the truth as grievously as the credulousness of UFO enthusiasts. In this light a readiness to give up on UFOs seems premature. New cases continue to enter the “unknowns” pool—for recent examples consider the Southern Illinois police chase case of 2000, the O’Hare sighting, and MUFON’s “phone receiver” object of 2013.

Since a high standard ought to apply to explanations as well as to unknowns, older cases explained in dubious terms deserve to be thrown back into the pool.

We may not have the full story from the Government files, either. I have never favoured conspiracy theories, but I have noticed the abundance of quality unknowns from military and civilian pilots in 1947.

After 1952 military reports became scarce in Blue Book files and unknowns of any sort diminished to a trickle. This change follows JANAP 146 and AFR 200-2, regulations that barred both military and civilian pilots from revealing UFO sightings to the press, and the Robertson Panel, which created a policy of defusing public interest in UFOs.

A sudden end to pilots seeing UFOs seems unlikely. Perhaps rumours of a dual system—Blue Book that was a public relations front, and a hidden system that secluded reports of the highest quality—have substance after all. And if so, significant files comprising a “ufologica irre-denta” may yet await the light of day deep in the bowels of Government secrecy. A healthy body of unknowns even now underlies the UFO mystery.

These cases hint that the apparent downward spiral of unknowns toward zero, or to a minimal residue of intractable rather than truly anomalous events, may be an historical illusion rather than an inevitability after all. Perhaps some consistent level of unknowns persists through-

out UFO history. The level of occurrence may be a low one, but a stream of “ironclads” duly recognised might emerge as a clear signal in the noise. Shouldn’t we at least consider this hypothesis before we surrender the phenomenon altogether? Nothing stings ufologists so painfully as the rejection of their subject by official science.

They regard their enterprise as scientific and crave approval, only to find themselves like small children closed out of the game by the big kids at the gate. Complaints that scientists do not listen or ignore the facts overlook the nature of UFO evidence. It is sloppy in the extreme, overwhelmingly anecdotal and intangible.

UFOs offer little or nothing to carry into the laboratory for analysis or experiment. The rare exceptions have proved inconclusive or at least not compelling. This empty-handedness along with a reputation as pseudoscience assure that ufology will continue to get the brush-off from laboratory scientists. Field science offers an alternative approach that is more congenial to the nature of UFO events. When scientists cannot control their object of study, they must approach it on its own terms, in its native environment, and gather observational data for indirect analysis.

This model sounds like a good match for UFO reports, though with the added complications that the observers are numerous and widely scattered individuals with differing temperaments, abilities, and expectations, who witness rare and ephemeral sights in the sky, most of which turn out to be false alarms. The witnesses most likely to report probably have preconceived notions and biases.

No standardisation in the observational process and little in the descriptions of sightings is possible. Face-to-face meetings between investigator and witness are rare. The resulting data is raw in the worst sense—heterogeneous, inconsistent, and suitable only for crude analysis. UFOs make unruly subjects even for field techniques.

If individual reports of unknowns comprise the foundation of a case for UFOs, patterns of consistency in these reports add the next essential layer. Each separate unknown may be impressive in itself but only multiple cases with significant similarities build evidence for a recurrent phenomenon. Without this support the unknowns remain random oddities and may have no further significance.

With a consistent pattern to unify them, these oddities begin to acquire an identity. Unknowns and their patterns provide mutual support and the case in favour of UFOs grows at once in strength—if, of course, we find such patterns. The typical studies applied to mass UFO data are statistical comparisons, either content analysis for consistent descriptions of appearances and activities or

frequency searches for patterns in the time and place of UFO events. These efforts have led to limited results. A finding like more UFOs are seen in early evening than at any other time may be consistent but not surprising, while discovering that UFO reports are more frequent on one weekday than on any other comes as a surprise but carries no apparent meaning.

Searches for a recurrence pattern in UFO waves have led to predictive successes but they did not hold true for very long and might have been artefactual after all. Content analyses that show most UFOs are round and most occupants are short humanoids enjoy an unmistakable robustness, but as Ballester Olmos warns, such findings hold equally true for IFO cases and reflect popular images.

This sort of analysis offers ufology its best option to make a case for UFOs with the data in hand. Rather than waiting for a piece of spaceship to fall into our laps, or for the Government to show us the bodies, all those intriguing cases we have accumulated transform from dusty files into tools for actual scientific work. But have we tried and failed at this enterprise already?

I don't think so. From my own experience, a comparison between abduction reports with high reliability and those of low reliability revealed that consistency in sequence of events and descriptive content was much higher in the high-reliability cases. In the low-reliability cases where presumably more of the stories were hoaxes or fantasies, plots and content varied far more. A comparison of two samples of UFO occupant cases found stronger preferences for certain descriptive options among the high reliability reports than in the general run.

The reason behind these consistencies might be cultural influence or investigator bias, but actual observation in contrast to imagination might also be the cause. At least the possibility is worth exploring. So many IFO reports in the sample, so many human errors and shortcomings in descriptions plague the record that they threaten to smother the signal from the very much smaller body of UFOs. In the past good minds have had to work with bad data limited in both quantity and quality, and the disappointing results come as no surprise.

Today we have much larger samples and data of better quality to escape the garbage in-garbage out problem that dogged earlier efforts. I see reason to believe that some distinctive consistencies in the phenomenon may yet be forthcoming, and that reliance on quality cases as the database will reveal those consistencies in sharper relief. At least the effort should be made before we give up the spaceship.

Vicente-Juan invited me to collaborate in a dialogue of views on UFOs for this 70th anniversary event. He may not have expected quite so much difference in conclu-

sions, but in fact we disagree on very little. His criticisms of ufology are on target and his exposure of its failures as a scientific enterprise are as necessary as they are painful. We differ only in the conclusions we draw. He is ready to drive nails in the coffin and lower ufology into the grave; I still see sparks of life and wish to avoid a premature burial.

A very much alive Mark Twain once quipped that reports of his demise were greatly exaggerated.

A similar pronouncement for UFOs may not stretch the truth quite so much, but even this 70th anniversary need not be the end of the line. Maybe I grasp at straws like a true believer still holding out, but I still perceive a mystery amid the clutter and avenues, or at least alleyways of research not yet explored, or not adequately followed up.

Until that happens I will continue to see a future for ufology.

Valencia (Spain) and Bloomington (USA), June 24, 2017.

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RADAR VISUAL UFO ENCOUNTER AT RAF LYNEHAM

By Philip Mantle

In early December 2008 I received an email from a gentleman by the name of Malcolm Williams. Mr Williams had been a career officer in the Royal Air Force (RAF) and his rank was Flight Lieutenant. Like a lot of professional people the very first line of Mr William's email was very familiar to me:

"Firstly I must stress that I am one of the world's biggest sceptics when it comes to UFO's, however I can offer no realistic explanation for what I saw, therefore it was literally an unidentified flying object."

After exchanging pleasantries via email I obtained Flt Lt. Williams telephone number and conducted a telephone interview with him in mid December 2008. Malcolm Williams is going on the record here for the very first time and he related to me an event that he witnessed on RAF Radar while on duty at RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire, England just before Christmas in either 1994 or 1995. I was working in Air Traffic Control at RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire on a night shift. I can't remember the exact date but it was just before Christmas in either 1994 or 1995. I was the approach controller and supervisor of the shift. At that time I had almost 20 years experience working on radar and was very used to analysing the quirks that radar can sometimes produce such as bird activity, anaprop (atmospheric variation) and MTI suppression (Moving Target Indicator).

On the night in question Flight Lieutenant Williams was guiding two C130 Hercules aircraft who were approximately 3 miles from touch down. All of a sudden Flt Lt. Williams observed a very large 'blob' on the radar screen. Not knowing what it was he contacted the pilots of the two Hercules aircraft and fed them around this target. The 'blob' seemed to be stationary. Flt Lt. Williams passed control of the inbound aircraft to a colleague and went upstairs to the visual control room. The room where he had been based had no windows so he wanted to see if he could obtain a visual sighting of this radar target. Flt Lt. Williams could not see anything but another radar called the DFTI (Distance from Touchdown Indicator) located in the visual control room also had this blob on its screen. Flt Lt. Williams asked the visual controller if he had any idea what the target was but he replied that he didn't know what it was. Flt Lt. Williams returned to the radar room and the blob was still on the radar screen. He used the usual suppressors to try and eliminate it but all to no effect. After puzzling what this image might be for a while he decided that it must be a technical problem with the radar but after checking it all seemed to be functioning correctly. Things took a decidedly different course when the radar blob on the screen suddenly seemed to 'burst' and shoot off at tremendous speed in all directions. FL Williams had never seen anything like it and had never seen anything move so fast in all his life. There was a brief discussion with a colleague but they had no idea what it was. The visual controller witnessed the same on the DFTI. Not long after this Flt Lt. Williams had a telephone call from a very agitated airman who was on guard

duty on the base. 'Sir I have not been drinking, I am on guard duty and have just seen something that was very strange but can't explain but thought that Air Traffic should be informed of.' The airman informed Flt Lt. Williams that he has seen a bright light in the east and that it had burst and shot off in all directions at speeds that he could not believe. He said he had never seen anything travel so fast and it was definitely not an aircraft. Flt Lt. Williams informed the airman that he knew he hadn't been drinking as he had seen the very same thing on radar. Several minutes later another airman on guard duty on the perimeter of the base also telephoned Flt Lt. Williams and reported the same thing. Flt Lt. Williams recalls that this made the hairs on the back of his neck stand up. He had been willing to pass the whole episode off as some kind of technical fault with the radar but now it was obvious that this was not the case.

Flt Lt. Williams logged the details and telephoned the Ministry of Defence. He reported the incident accordingly. The chap he spoke to at the MoD stated that usually they can explain most sightings but they took it seriously when someone of his military standing and experience report such things. Flt Lt. Williams followed this up with a written report that was sent to the MoD in London. Apart from discussing the event with a couple of colleagues and his wife he had not really discussed it until now. He was prompted to do so by Wing Commander Alan Turner who had previously reported a UFO sighting on radar to me in 2006. In total Flight Lieutenant Williams spent 31 years in the Royal Air Force working in Air Traffic Control. In my interview with him in December 2008 he told me that the MoD had never requested the radar tapes of the incident and he received no communication from them after submitting his written report.

The events that night have remained in the back of his mind and it has always been a puzzle to him. Flight Lieutenant Williams knows full well what this radar target wasn't. It wasn't birds, atmospheric or anything else. It remains a complete mystery to him and that it is an unidentified flying object. This is the first time that Flight Lieutenant Williams has spoken about these events in public and I have recently obtained documents concerning this incident via the National Archives in the UK. These documents are published here for the first time and relate to the observations made at the time by the security guards at RAF Lyneham. All I can say is that people like Flt Lt. Williams should not be ignored and this radar visual UFO sighting is yet another addition to the list of very experienced military officers who have gone on the record to report something that totally mystifies them. It is yet another addition to the wealth of documentation that despite the best efforts of the debunkers confirms that there are UFO's what they are.

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Reflections on our first Conference

Well, after a year of planning, preparation, publicity and finally panic the 1st OLM Conference has been and gone.

What a weekend, it's taken me nearly 48 hours to come down from orbiting the earth so to speak.

My first thanks must go to our speakers, Mike Covell, Paul Sinclair, Russ Callaghan, Malcolm Robinson, Sacha Christie and of course Philip Mantle, for the effort and time committed to this years event. I am proud to call you all my Friends.

I would also like to wish a heartfelt and very sincere thank you to those who bought tickets, and travelled to Hull from all four corners of the country. THANK YOU EVERY ONE...

Everything went smoothly until the Wednesday before the conference when late in the evening my laptop decided it wasn't going to play ball. It would not display jpgs for some reason, HELP!!

So, after trying to fix the problem I finally went to bed at 3.00am Thursday morning, up at 8.00am to take it to the local computer shop... "sorry Chris" he said I will need two days to sort it for you... knowing I was to meet Mike Covell and Paul Sinclair at the venue at 11.30am that morning for a BBC Radio Humberside interview to publicise our first conference it was a no go... I had to get a new laptop... I simply could not take the risk.

Saturday 9th September, CONFERENCE DAY... YIP-PEE...

We arrived at the venue at 8.30am to set up, went in set up the new laptop and my 3-week-old 3Terra Byte external drive containing The Charles Forgas footage and the opening film to welcome all to the conference, and a short film to publicise the first Outer Limits Magazine award, here comes the panic. NO POWER to the drive... switched leads, changed connections, swore to myself... no joy...

Thankfully I had all the footage on other drives and laptops... it would mean some messing about swapping things and plugging things in and out but the dye was set.

IF at this moment I appeared stressed believe me..... I WAS!

But the show or in this case the conference must go on.

The speakers arrived, attendees arrived and away we went.

Up first was Mike Covell, who covered the local scene

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and showed that sightings of strange phenomena in the skies over Hull go further back than the modern accepted start date of 1947. Mike took us back through the scare-ship sightings in the early 20th century to what we believe could be one of the first UK sightings over his hometown in 1801. Mike produced a well presented and interesting lecture at this his first ever UFO conference.

After a short interval to allow people to stretch their legs, up next was Bridlington's own Paul Sinclair. Paul has never presented a lecture outlining his own investigations anywhere, so the Outer Limits Magazine conference would be his first.

Paul had absolutely nothing to worry about as he told the 120-strong crowd of eager listeners all about the Wiltshire incident. This sighting of 30 to 40 boomerang shaped blue craft flying over the Bridlington Bay area of the North Sea in September of 2009.

This event was one of many unusual occurrences in the East and North Yorkshire areas at the time. One fascinating event for me personally, was the showing by Paul of a letter from RAF Staxton Wold, to him, which proved be-

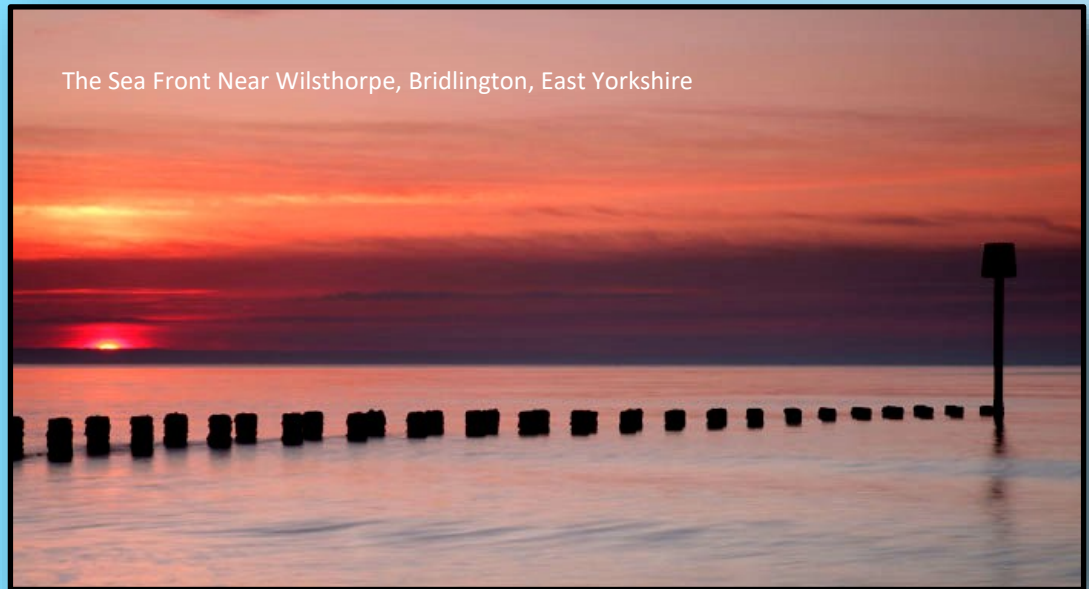
yond doubt that the so-called stance by the MoD of a no interest in the subject of UFOs and the UFO desk had closed many years ago was a lie. Apparently, all UFO reports are now forwarded on to RAF Leeming.

After our lunch break we welcomed Russ Callaghan to the stage.

Russ presented a lecture which took a somewhat opposed view to the consensus in the room, in asking is everything extra-terrestrial. Russ is a believer and not a sceptic, in ufology. *BUT I had asked him to do an analysis of some of the more famous cases and offer an opposing point of view, in the interest of balancing the subjects presented on the day.*

This he did very well in examining some of the more ancient cases and he also pointed out the most convincing case to himself was the McMinnville UFO image. While asking questions and offering alternatives to other famous UK based cases such as former PC Alan Godfreys missing time and encounter in Todmorden, West Yorkshire. His lecture did precisely what I hoped and put the cat amongst the pigeons and paved the way for Malcolm Robinsons talk.

Outer Limits Magazine Associate Editor, Malcolm Robinson took us on a non-stop whirlwind tour of the worlds UFO hot spots. He encompassed Gulf Breeze, the Nul-labor Plains, Puerto Rico and many more into his hour on the stage. Malcolm though spoke with a passion about his investigation in to Scotland's Bonnybridge events, which in the 1990s was described as the British UFO capital, he cleverly showed that Warminster and Bonnybridge were very similar and had men who pushed their respective towns forward, Councillor Billy Buchanan of Bonnybridge and journalist Arthur Shuttlewood. Malcolm seemed to mesmerise the audience, with his well thought out and divulged presentation, it certainly made one or two sceptics in the audience think. So, I believe placing Russ before Malcolm's lecture was the logical and right thing to do. Sacha Christie and her family went through a nerve wracking and frightening personal experience in Wales in February 1997, the very same weekend of the famous Broadhaven UFO event. Having decided to go for a cheap break in North Wales, they arrived at the farm house in 'the clouds' as she called it. Sacha and her family experienced a strange light moving through the sky until it eventually appeared above them. Sacha told the



The Sea Front Near Wilsthorpe, Bridlington, East Yorkshire

audience it appeared to be about a mile in width when it was directly over them. The event also included some form of craft on the ground near their holiday home. Startlingly though was the information her son says something grabbed him by the ankle while they were watching this unknown craft. Philip Mantle, our headline speaker confirmed that his attendance on the podium was his last conference speech and was directly because I as the Outer Limits Magazine editor asked him to do so, breaking a gap of 7 years in doing so.

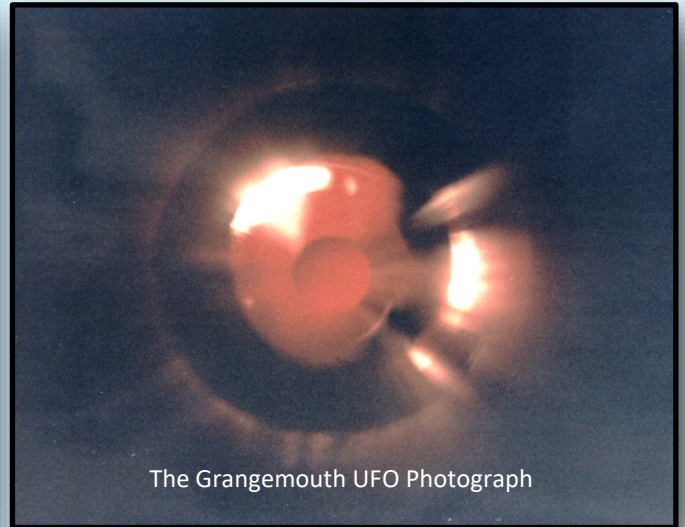
Phil outlined how he came in to ufology, meeting up with both Mark and Graham Birdsall and joining the Yorkshire UFO Society. He mentioned his trip to Hessdalen to investigate the lights, and eventually talking about the involvement with Ray Santilli and the now proven to be hoaxed Alien Autopsy footage. Without a doubt, the highlight of Phil's talk was the first public showing of the Deputy Charles Forgas footage. The Charles Forgas footage contains a 16-minute interview with this former and now deceased Deputy Sheriff from Big Spring, Texas. The full interview was broadcast for the first time anywhere, as far as we know. When or if this interview will be broadcast again and the public will hear the details surrounding the possible new witness to the Roswell Incident is not known. Charles Forgas describes how he witnessed the bodies of Aliens 'like the ones on TV' with big eyes.

Both John Hanson and Dawn Holloway received an award for the 13 UFO books they have jointly created over the last 20 years. Discussing many of the UFO reports since 1940. The highlight is the recent publication of 'The Halt Perspective' which is a large publication and covers all aspects of what is now known as Britain's Roswell, the so called Rendlesham Forest Incident.

Unbeknown to us at OLM a journalist, was sitting in the audience. Jon Austin, wrote several articles outlining events from the conference. Notably Russ' hypothesis



Is This The Rendlesham UFO?



The Grangemouth UFO Photograph

The Grangemouth Oil Refinery, Scotland



that the Rendlesham Forest incident could have been explained by the possible explanation the craft seen could have been a test exercise which went wrong involving the USAF 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron which were based at RAF Woodbridge at the time? (See image opposite top, left). It should be pointed out at no time did Austin speak to either Russ Callaghan or associate editor Malcolm Robinson before writing at least two articles. Austin wrote an article covering what Malcolm believes is a clear image of a UFO said to be photographed at Grangemouth refinery in the early 1990's, (See image opposite top right). Paul Sinclair's fascinating Wilsthorpe incident has also made the Daily Express too and named as 'Britain's New Roswell' a full five days after the conference closed. We have received an overwhelming number of messages of support for and in enjoyment of our first conference, praise for the way I as Editor and host presented the event, with a relaxed air, to the quality of the large projection screen, to the comfort of the seats, the amount of available free parking, but more importantly the reasonably priced Cafeteria onsite. We have even had applications for tickets for the 2018 event, all very gratifying even though the theme to a 2018 event

has not



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even been decided now. Talking of 2018. Keep your eye on the magazine for more information... So, all in all, a very well received first conference from Outer Limits Magazine. Now time to take some time out concentrate on our first double numbers issue (This issue) and then concentrate on the 2018 conference.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND



Sony Pictures Entertainment's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* will premiere at the Venice Film Festival in August and will then screen in cinemas internationally – courtesy of Park Circus – from 15 September.

On its 40th anniversary, audiences will be able to enjoy Steven Spielberg's science fiction adventure in a new 4K digital print for the first time. Made in 1977, following the success of *Jaws*, this is a compelling story about a group of people who try and contact alien intelligence.

Electrical lineman Roy Neary encounters a UFO on a deserted road whilst investigating a major power cut. He becomes increasingly obsessed with UFOs and subliminal messaging following his experience, distancing himself from his wife and children but drawing him closer towards parallel investigations being conducted by scientists, the military and other survivors of encounters who are attempting to communicate with the mysterious otherworldly presence.

Close Encounters of the Third Kind will be showing at cinemas across the UK and Ireland, including at London's Picture house Central and Vue during September, and some of Europe's major film institutions such as the Danish Film Institute, the Swedish Film Institute, Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival in Spain and Festival Lumière in France. The film will also be released in several other international markets.

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BRAZIL — THE PLACE FOR UFOS

by *Thiago Luiz Ticchetti*

Brasília is the capital of the Federative Republic of Brazil and its fourth biggest city. Its population is estimated at 2,606,885 inhabitants. Inaugurated in April 21st, 1960, by the president, Juscelino Kubitschek de Oliveira, Brasília is the third capital of Brazil, after Salvador and Rio de Janeiro. The transference of the main agencies of the federal administration for the new capital was gradual, with the change of the headquarters of the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary.

Brasília has a singular architecture, with soft and lines straight. It is the biggest “design classroom” in the world. In every place you see a work of art.

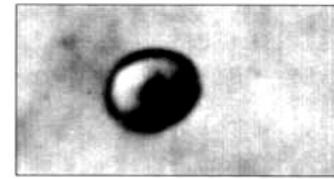
The mystic vocation of Brasília initiated when the Italian saint, Dom Bosco, had a dream vision. He dreamed about a land for a civilization of the future that would be born between the parallels of 15° and 20°, at the edge of a lake. True or not, Brasília was born exactly in this location.

One of the first reports came from the 18th Century, when the Cruls mission, led by the Belgian, Louis Ferdinand Cruls, was exploring Brazil’s central region, where Brasília would later be constructed. He wrote in his diary: “Today we saw the sun, but wasn’t the sun we know. It was a huge sun, much bigger than what we see every day. This ball of light followed us for more than 5 hours, until [it] disappeared.”

On March 3rd, 1892, he wrote of a strange encounter again. “Today we passed the 23rd Parallel and, to our surprise, the ball of fire was in the top of a waterfall. Some of the men have begun to pray, saying that we have been cursed. They are very scared.”

Since the beginning of the construction of the new capital, there were rumors about metallic, circular and bright objects in the sky. Some say that even President Kubitschek had seen a UFO.

In 1959, the priest, Raimundo Teixeira, former director of the Dom Bosco School, took some of the most famous UFO photos in Brasília. The object was photographed over the Núcleo Bandeirante district, in Brasília, around



ten o’clock in the morning.

The pictures (See top right) show that the UFO seems to reflect the light of the sun. The object looks like a hat, a panama hat. In 1976, the priest declared that his interest in UFOs began in 1959 when he was the director of the Dom Bosco School. “One day, I was ridding my bicycle when I saw a lot of people looking to the sky. I stopped and saw a bright object.” He thought that it was a balloon of the Brazilian Air Force [released] for research, but the movement of the artifact was so intense that he changed his mind.

“It was from another world. I never got interested about the flying saucers stories,” he claimed. That day, one of his students had a camera. He loaned it and took six photos. Through the photos, the object was much clearer. The



Brazil, in South America.

UFO stayed in the sky between 20 and 30 minutes. It was more than 15 meters in width and 5 meters in height. According to the priest, that same day, the pilot of President Kubitschek also saw it. Raimundo thought it was so important that he gave all the photos to the Navy Secret Service. Years later, he found the negatives in a drawer, but he put them away.

In 1960, another UFO (See image middle of the opposite page) appeared in the city of Candangolândia, near Núcleo Bandeirante District. This time, the object was photographed by a Federal Police photographer named Aclayr S. Pascoal. The photo was taken through a cracked window and it shows a very bright object with a dome in the top.

One Saturday, in February, 1977, was a Carnival Day and Moab Olmena Farias and his wife, Ailza Helena Farias, both 28 years old, their daughter, Glauci Suse, 8 years old, and Moacir Farias, decided to get away from the parties to a quiet place. They chose the Itiquira Waterfall, in the city of Formosa, Goiás State.

They arrived and the night was so clear and full of stars that Moab wanted to show the sky to his wife. So he turned off the lights of his car. Suddenly, they were surprised by a bigger "star" that crossed the sky. The "star" was getting closer and closer. The object had the shape of a hat, with several lights under it. "The light was so strong that we were blinded by it. We had to protect our eyes," said Moab.

They got in a panic. His wife told him to run them home, but the car was between two precipices with the object in front of them. Ailza was crying, praying, horrified with

the event. And then, as if by a miracle, the object flew away. Moab started the car and left the place. But the relief was temporary. Five minutes later, there was the UFO again, 20 meters in altitude over the road. This time, they could see the object clearly. "It was like a mushroom, with the top spinning, with red lights in the edge of it and white flashes coming from the body," said Ailza. Its size was 10 meters diameter and 3 meters tall. After another 5 minutes, the object accelerated into space.

As the result of the event, Ailza had no menstruation for ten months and started to dream with beings of the 'Grey' type. Glauci had swelling in her legs. Moab had the same thing. The car had the lights burned and battery of the radio melted.

On December 16th, 1972, the newspaper, *Journal da Cidade*, published that a UFO was seen by the pilot and several passengers in the flight from São Paulo to Brasília. The flight, VASP 232, was 30 minutes from landing in Brasília when the object was spotted. The airplane was 20,000 feet high and the UFO was at 14,000 feet.

According to the report, the pilot, Captain Aguiar, began to follow the object and asked for a camera from one of the passengers. He took some photos of the unknown object.

Mr. Alberto Engel, who travelled in the company of Mr. Landmarks Zeitune, gave a Ektakrome (slide) 35mm camera to Captain Aguiar. Then the captain came back toward the cabin and started to take some pictures of the unidentified object. The UFO followed the airplane for many minutes, in front and then behind the plane. Most of the passengers saw the object until its disappearance.

When Captain Aguiar returned the camera, he told to Mr. Engel that the film would be given to the FAB (Brazilian Air Force) to study. When the airplane landed, the passengers could only leave the airplane after the military took the film. The film was never published.

On December 11th, 1991, there occurred an amazing case called "Caso Papuda" (Papuda is the state penitentiary located near Brasília). The case was investigated by the UFO Studies Group – GEU, a branch of the University of Brasília and our group, Brazilian Entity of Extraterrestrial Studies – EBE-ET, by Roberto Affonso Beck, president of the group. This is the first case in Brazil where a federal university made a social and scientific study about a UFO report.

Between 7:00pm and 9:00pm, a bright and oval object with blue and red lights hovered above the penitentiary, disappearing into a fog. The UFO was seen by 20 policemen and by residents in the Lago Norte quarter.

The first to see the object was Lieutenant Damasceno, of the Military Police Independent Company.

The official called his colleagues, but they made fun of him. After insisting, they decided to go out and check. The lieutenant reported that the “visitor” had a blue color when it was in a vertical position and a red color when it was in the horizontal. Damasceno also said that its speed was very fast and it was 500m in altitude.

The maneuvers were in straight lines to go up or go down and it didn’t leave any kind of smoke or trail, always changing its color. Suddenly, several cars arrived in the Papuda area. People of all ages stood amazed, looking to the sky and the object, and when a fog, coming from nowhere, started to envelop the UFO, it disappeared. But the military policemen and the civilians were not the only ones to see the object. The UFO was detected by the radar of the CINDACTA (Integrated Center of Aerial Defense and Control of Air traffic), agency of FAB.

Lieutenant Damasceno called to Sergeant Petrônio, air traffic controller, who said that they were following the unidentified flying object. The sergeant told him that, on the radar screen, the UFO had a rectangular shape and its speed was 700km/h.

The sergeant also confirmed that a pilot, en route from Brasília to São Luís, reported a bright blue light. When we heard that the CINDACTA had confirmed the sighting, we got wary and waited for a second confirmation. Well, we know how it works.

Two days later, the FAB informed us that the object was a meteorological balloon (the balloon story again!). We were in Papuda for a week, interviewing the policemen. They laughed about the balloon explanation. The FAB never talked about the case.

The Paranoá region, the area where the Papuda Penitentiary is located, was the place of another intriguing sighting. This time, the event was witnessed by three entrepreneurs, Hildo de Oliveira, Agamenon Nascimento and Antonio Rodrigo Cassimiro and more than 20 military policemen of the Military Police Platoon in Brasília.

Returning from Palmas, capital of the State of Tocantis, on August 21st, 1996, Agamenon was driving his car when saw something in the sky. He called Hildo and Cassimiro to watch a light in front of the car, moving from one side to the other. According to Hildo, about 200m ahead, the UFO hovered over the road and projected a milky light beam to the ground. This blinded the three men.

Immediately, he pulled over the car, avoiding passing under that light. For five minutes, they watched it, scared. When the object started to move, they continued their journey, always looking for somebody that had maybe the object as well.

Two blocks ahead, followed by the object, they stopped by a Military Police trailer. They were received by two sleepy policemen, who saw the light, but didn’t care and stepped back into the trailer!

They moved on and when they were near the Paranoá Dam, the light stopped 30 meters over the water and only 100 meters from their car. “The water moved as if a boat was crossing, but there was no sound or even a boat!”

said Hildo.

Finding no other witness, they had the idea to call “190” (emergency call in Brazil). In 10 minutes, a police car and an ambulance arrived. Then four more police vehicles.

In the first car was the military policeman, José Gaudino, who told the three men that he had filmed the object. At this time, Hildo remembered that his son, Marcelo de Oliveira, a professional photographer, was close to that place. Marcelo arrived within 20 minutes and, using his Nikon FX 60, lens 70/210mm, took 36 photos.

We had access to the Gaudino’s film. It is one of the clearest UFO images ever. In one moment, when an airplane approaches, its navigation lights disappeared when it passes over the UFO. This means that the UFO is huge and solid. We clearly see the UFO moving. The UFO was seen until 8 o’clock in the morning.

We went to the Military Police Department, where we had the opportunity to interview all the military witnesses. Nothing was covered-up or hidden by the Military Police of Brasília. They could speak freely, without repression. This episode was so intense to all, that Hildo, 67 years old, had nervous system problems for days.

On June 15th, 1997, around 10 o’clock in the morning, a gold, spherical probe, about 30cm diameter, appeared to Omerinda Passos Ribeiro, 10 years old, while she was washing pans and plates in a river, located 100 meters from her house.

According to Omerinda, a ball of light started to move around her. The child, a humble and simple girl, who never heard about the UFO phenomenon, screamed in desperation. Her brother, Floriano, 14 years old, came quickly. When he saw his sister faint, he cried out to his father, Diógenes Ribeiro, 82 years old. He took her to a local hospital. After some clinical exams, she was free to go home.

In 2001, our group was contacted by Band, a television channel. According to them, on the evening of December 23rd, a TV crew was returning from Goiânia, Goiás’ state capital, when they spotted something in the air. In the car were three people: the reporter, Fábio Panuzzi, the cameraman, Izac Gazineu, and the assistant, Eliésio.

Around 8:45pm, when they passed the city of Samambaia, they were surprised by a white ball of light, which crossed the sky over the car and stopped on the other side of the road.

They parked the car at a bus stop and, immediately, Izac started to film. It was a cloudy day and there was little wind. They estimated the object was the size of a volleyball and yellow-colored. It made straight movements in 90° angles, going up and down.

A couple of minutes later, the UFO moved behind a cell-phone tower, 200 meters ahead of them. Meanwhile, Fábio called to the CINDACTA and reported what they were seeing. Moreover, two airplanes passed close to the object, in their landing procedures. After 35 minutes, the object disappeared and the TV crew began to look for more witnesses.

They found a motorbike rider, who had pulled over next

to them to see the object. Two other boys were also interviewed. They said that they like to fly kites, but in those weather conditions, it was impossible.

The tape was analyzed by the specialist, Dr. Geraldo Santos. According to him, the object couldn't be a kite with a lantern hanging. The kite couldn't do such movements.

We contacted the CINDACTA, but they replied to our request, saying that nothing out of the ordinary was detected that day.

On February 12th, 2003, two different work colleagues came to me saying that unidentified flying objects were seen in two cities of Brasília: Samambaia and Guará I. So I took the addresses of some alleged witnesses and, the next day, I drove there to collect more information.

The first person that I met was João Pinto Alencar, 74 years old. He had lived in Samambaia for 6 years. He was a very humble person, almost too ingenuous, and a very religious person. He was very skeptical about UFOs... until that event.

The sighting occurred on February 4th around 10:45pm. He was smoking outside of his house, looking at the sky, when he noticed a star much bigger than the others, and moving.

The "star" made zig-zag movements. His house is located in an isolated place, surrounded by the *cerrado* (*cerrado* is a vast, tropical savanna, an eco-region of Brazil, particularly in the states of Goiás and Minas Gerais). As he walked, so as to have a better look, the "star" got closer. When he was 200 meters from his house, the light accelerated and stopped 60 meters away from him. João was frozen with fear.

The object was circular and emitted an orange-yellow light, mainly from its center, that looked solid. In the center, the light seemed to spin. "That thing was huge! More than 40 meters diameter. The size of a big truck!" he said.

He started to run and, looking behind, saw the object much closer. He got in a panic and got on his knees. "I started to pray. I was sure that thing would eat me! I felt the heat of that thing."

Mr. João closed his eyes and waited quietly. Some time later, he opened his eyes. Everything was calm. The thing had gone. He went home and told to his wife the whole story. Vilma told me that her husband always went outside to smoke and it takes 20 minutes and that he never talked about flying saucers.

I went to the spot of the sighting. It is a very isolated place with no artificial illumination. I couldn't find any traces of the object. This season of the year rains a lot and any traces might be washed out. I left my phone number, but they moved to another state and we lost contact.

The other event took place in the City of Guará I. The witness was Carlos Eduardo Montillo, 44 years old. He is married with Jurema Lins, 41, and father of João Carlos, 7, Matilde, 4 and Jairo, 3.

Carlos told me that it was February 8th, around 1:00am, when he woke up to drink water. As always, he went to the kennel to see if the pet dog had water and food. When he kneeled down to see the dog, a bright light appeared in

front of him. He tried to look at that, but the brightness was very intense.

After some seconds, he could get up and saw an oval object, 3 meters in diameter and about 25 meters from him. It had a white color, like it was made of porcelain. "The UFO was almost landed. I could see the grass moving with the wind under it. The sound was a 'hummmm'," he said.

By this time, Jurema was in the window, "white like a ghost" and shouting to him to get out of there. "I saw my wife and she was petrified," said Carlos.

Carlos walked slowly, keeping his eyes on the thing. When he got to the kitchen's door, he stumbled on a bar of iron. He got up, closed the door and went to the window.

For more than 5 minutes, his wife and he watched the UFO hover over their backyard. Then the object raised and went off.

I asked them to draw what they saw, separately. Then I went to the backyard and got some samples of the terrain where the UFO hovered. An interesting fact is that the dog never barked when the UFO was there. He remained sleeping.

I took the samples to a friend of mine. He works in the laboratory of analysis at the Brasília University. One week later, he called me and said that the composition of the samples were normal. Even so, I believe that the event is genuine. They saw something weird that night.

These cases give us a small idea about the UFO phenomenon in Brasília. Since the past, before the construction of Brazil's capital, we have been visited by strange lights, beings and objects. EBE-ET continue to do serious work, always looking for an explanation for those who search, for us to have an answer.

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He graduated in Business Administration and became interested in UFOs in 1982, when he saw a strange light over the Gávea Stone, in Rio de Janeiro and, encouraged by his father, Luiz Mauro Ticchetti (in memoriam), lieutenant-colonel of the Brazilian Air Force (FAB).

Since 1997, he has been a member of the Brazilian Entity of Extraterrestrial Studies – EBE-ET (www.ebeet.com.br) and, since 2001, writer and columnist of the column, *Mundo Ufologógico*, of the *Revista UFO* magazine (www.ufo.com.br).

He has written more than 15 articles for *Revista UFO*, interviewed more than 10 international UFO researchers and wrote a book called *Quedas de UFOs (UFO Crashes on Earth)*.

Independant Conference Review

A Review By David Young.

Well, what a success it was!

'Calm down Davie' as Malcolm Robinson might say

First, Id like to thank Chris Evers for inviting me to revue the very first 'Outer Limits' magazine conference, it is both a great honour and privilege to be invited to do so.

Overall, my enthusiasm in supporting this conference after what has been quite a traumatic year for myself and a few others in many respects is evident, which I shall not go into, but many will know that Nick Pope even involved himself in and did an article on in the previous issue (OLM No.9) I mention this here only to thank Nick here personally.

OK. To the review which Chris is paying me handsomely for (no not really, I'm doing it for the love of it.).

First up is the man himself **CHRIS EVERS**.

Chris opened the conference with a fine introduction. I know that Chris had suffered a few little setbacks on the days running up to the conference, not the least being his laptop deciding to go south ... or is it west?

Anyway, it packed up and a mild panic set in as all of his important files were on it! He had to hastily obtain a new laptop! Saving the day, (well done Chris) after a short verbal introduction he showed a short film which covered many of the most important UFO events of the past 70 years – the theme of this the first hopefully of MANY future conferences.

The first, but not in the least speaker up was **MIKE COVELL** who is a local to Hull historian and author, and has featured on several documentaries and TV shows ... even 'Most Haunted!'

He is a very well respected researcher and prolific author of 15 books, and a specialist on Jack The Ripper.

His interest in UFOs began as a child with his own sighting and he has been fascinated, as many of us are, since that day. He began compiling and cataloguing many local UFO reports and has been a very keen researcher ever since. He gave a fine and very interesting insight into his many years of continuing research. I Have to say I found Mike to be very approachable and friendly and I was pleased to make his acquaintance. I truly hope to meet and be able to hear him speak again.

Following on from Mike was **PAUL SINCLAIR**, highly respected writer of the successful and excellent 'Truth-Proof' or 'The Truth That Leaves No Proof' about UFO's and other strange happenings and anomalies that occur around the East and North Yorkshire coastline, and this was the fascinating and interesting talk that Paul gave.

He made it very apparent that the activity in the area is very much ongoing and has been for very many years. Bridlington, in East Yorkshire, and its surrounding area appears to be a 'hot-bed' of activity of many strange concurrences and Paul gave a very fine description of many.

Paul told of the many witnesses he had interviewed, many highly respected coast guards and trawler men. Orange Orbs, seemingly 'Intelligent Light-forms', Strange creatures and many other amazing occurrences were covered. We were left with the feeling that Paul could have spoken for quite a few hours, similar to Mike the previous speaker and still have much more to say.

The next speaker following Paul was well known **RUSSELL CALLAGHAN** who gave a talk about the historical sightings of what are well known as 'flying saucers'OR are THEY?

This was really how his talk developed. He asks and demonstrates his opinion that many sightings can be mistakenly identified, and are often common or sometimes uncommon objects, such as a farm vehicle in a field, imagined to be a landed spacecraft, for example. Noticeable gasps were heard by some of his suggested mistaken sightings such as the world famous 1980 Rendlesham UFO incident

which took place over 3 nights.

Part of Russell's presentation of this occurrence says 'on the day in question', but of course this disagrees with the 'three night incident', and there are several highly trained military airmen witnesses from the twin bases at Rendlesham, one being the well known Col. Charles Halt who has recently written a book 'The Halt Perspective' which thoroughly disagrees with Russell's suggestions.

Of course, all in all Russell's presentation was both interesting and controversial, and the audience were left to make up their own minds, as should always be the case.

Next speaker up is **MALCOLM ROBINSON** after a short presentation from Chris Evers.

Malcolm, of course is another very well known and highly respected writer and speaker, and probably needs very little introduction to most of us. Malcolm has just completed his 5th book 'Paranormal Case Files of Great Britain – Vol.2' and has also written two UFO books 'UFO Case Files of Scotland – Volumes 1 + 2. He is also quite an expert of the 'Loch Ness Monster' and has a brilliant book out 'The Monsters Of Loch Ness'.

Malcolm gave a great talk on the famous 'Scottish Triangle' UFO incidents in and around Bonnybridge and the 'Welsh Triangle' sightings. Malcolm is always a fine and entertaining speaker, never boring and very approachable and friendly and always willing to spare time to interested listeners and always interested to hear of others experiences.

Next, a very special presentation of an award for their fine contribution to UFO literature – **JOHN HANSON** and **DAWN HOLLOWAY** of the brilliant 'HAUNTED SKIES' series of books which the first six volumes are currently being updated, expanded and printed in colour, as are the later volumes, and also 'The Halt Perspective' with Col. Charles Halt. WELL DONE John and Dawn.

After another short break Chris Evers presents a specially added sit down interview with the often somewhat controversial **SACHA CHRISTIE**.

Sacha describes her scary UFO experience which affected her and her family. She describes how it was not only herself who saw and experienced the strange occurrence where some kind of unusual contact was made with what can only be described

as an alien and an abduction scenario that she can only remember pieces of.

The occurrence completely 'freaked out' her and her family and the fear and wondering still remains with them. Very interesting, and knowing Sacha as I do, and have for some time now, completely honest and straight from the heart. I believe Chris and others would agree with me on that.

Last up, is the well known writer and speaker **PHILIP MANTLE** who appeared for this conference to lecture for the first time in around seven years. I think we should feel very honoured for Philip to agree to speak at this first 'Outer Limits' conference.

Philip has spent many years, since around 1978-9 being fascinated with the paranormal and of course his specialising in UFO's. He described how his interest in UFO's really took off when he went to see 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' and this made him start to wonder about what is out there and 'What if?'

He joined the Yorkshire UFO society and there met the late great and highly respected Graham Birdsall. Now as mentioned earlier, Yorkshire has been a 'hot-bed' of activity of paranormal phenomena not the least being much UFO activity. He was involved with the late Tony Dodd, a Yorkshire policeman who had several interesting sightings. Philip was also involved in debunking the famous 'Alien Autopsy' which some still believe to be genuine and a cover-up for the real thing I wonder??

To sum up - this is first of hopefully very many 'OUTER LIMITS' magazine conferences, and as I write this the 2018 even has been announced and shall occur on the 1st SEPTEMBER 2018.

I've ordered my tickets already knowing its going to be another amazing event! So if any reading this regret they missed this fantastic conference, you have a whole year to plan and make it to the second super event, which I hope will become one of the most important and celebrated UFO ... and more, conferences, as the magazine covers other paranormal phenomena also. Thank you for reading my own personal view of this great event. I have made many good friends in this fascinating subject and I hope to continue to do so for many years. My best wishes to ALL.

David Young, September 2017

North American affairs & Tony Rodrigues story. From James Borg

Hello everyone, what a summer in the North American sector of existence in this small planet that we call Earth. Unfortunately, many events of late have been what many people of this planet would call catastrophe and many others whom are more awake than the other group would call, "Geo Engineered Storm Warfare." At the time of this writing just in the USA alone we have seen hurricane after hurricane start to blow into the coastlines in the erratic not normal routes of path a hurricane would normally take 25 years ago. We have the Yellowstone volcano risk acting up in the North-west part of the USA, forest fires burning up millions of acres all over the west coast including a heart breaker forest fire in British Columbia. Not to mention the rattling Earthquakes in Mexico at the time of this article. Thank goodness, my family and I went to the Marathimes of Canada to enjoy the rock n roll attitude in New Brunswick and the phenomenal beaches of Prince Edward Island. Just to get away out of Quebec and especially Ontario was amazing as the air was cleaner and east of Montreal we had no chemtrails, which was amazing not to see.

During the trip and in beaches of Cavendish and Singing sands areas of P.E.I. on 2 of the 17 days my family seen several sightings on those two nights while enjoying the ocean side campfires which was a beautiful occurrence for my family to once again witness as a family unit. That would make it the 7th significant ufo sighting occurrences this year for myself. The other three sighting events was 2 different occasions with my colleague and friend Charlie Kundallini and the other 2 was a nice low and bright ufo sighting at a Uforia skywatch at lake near Brechin, Ontario with a few eyewitnesses Tanya Lang was also on hand for both those events and once again Charlie Kundallini. The last one was witnessed in Elmvale, Ontario with the lady known as the 13th bridge or the Xchanger. overall though this year compared to previous years for myself anyways there has been a marked decrease in ufo sightings including ones I am seeing on video throughout the internet, well at least the ones being documented and or reported anyways.

There have been several people trying to get me out to talk to them live and in person regarding paranormal extraterrestrial activities, one in Kitchener, Ontario which has been ongoing for about 5 years now. The other a more escalated series of events about 40 km away from my house dealing with reptilian possession, black goo, strange alien like insects and poltergeists. Not to mention lots of strange sickness in the house. I have been documenting this case but have not been able to visit due to the owners freaked out mind at the moment. The paranormal can and will put people in mental institutions under assessment just because the medical fields do not study the occult or paranormal metaphysi-

cal subjects. Which is sad, because the scientists and medical field working within governmental bases know all about it but keep it silent to the public! This is an extreme case as there is evidence of greys as one picture was already snapped of a grey and the presence of black goo which means the best way to go into the house would be with a hazmat suit. Also, when dealing with the occupants inside this house extreme quarantine measures should be made with those in contact with the people and anything they touch, because of the black goo. Including hand touching and or touching anything in the house. Like I said there is a huge reluctance with the home owner, which no offense is quite alright with me now as I do not own a hazmat suit nor do I know anyone with one and I am not trying to be funny hear.

In other ufo related news this year there as been extreme and sad state of affairs that has been going on with crop circle legend Patty Greer and her work and films which seem to have been stolen from right under her. She was also attacked at the Joshua Tree Contact in the desert conference. During the time of this article I still have not got an official on the record interview regarding this with Patty. But must everyone awake in the ufology fields know Patty Greer whom has made at least eight films on the subject and won 5 medals on her films is the crop circle legend and pioneer in the field and like I said her films have been hijacked from her and she has lost her income due to the theft she claims.

To be honest with everyone reading this news from North America is not the greatest on a political, geological and general well being of the continent. If I had a million bucks I would move continents and go somewhere else myself as the political landscape especially where I live in the province of Ontario is very pro big brother and agenda 21. Most of native born Canadians now despise our premier of Ontario and now our majority elected Prime Minister whom is passing anti-freedom and anti-free speech laws. Making the home of the FREE? Not so free no more !

Earlier on in the summer once again with Charlie Kundallini we visited a ufo experiencers in Bobcaygeon, Ontario. The ironic thing about this was that the day before we came to the residence and property the people there including people staying over had a ufo sighting by multiple witnesses seen also from Curve Lake Native reserve which is several miles away and the ufo was hovering over the Frank's house. The Frank's have also a history with seeing Bigfoot sightings and the one whom see's them Susan is a gifted one and an amazing intuitive person. Her brothers are also very cool as they are artists and musicians and dancers. My kinda people. During our time, there we were very happy and we also donated lots of blood to the local mosquito population, lol. The event we made a video

about it on the Uforia Chronicles you tube channel. We also recorded an interview but could not use it due to extreme things we could not edit out.

Now to the main part of this article I will feature a man from Ypsilanti, Michigan a Michigan Wolverines fan an alien abductee. A Mk Ultra survivor. A cartel psychic whom was also held in the bondages of Satanic service as a slave not only on Earth but on the Moon, Mars and Ceres. Making the locally known astronauts like Buzzlook like Elmer Fudd from Loney Tunes, seriously! After doing the interviews and during I myself went through episodes of memory that affected me from past experiences of the bondage side of stuff of personal memory flashback. There were a total of 5 interviews that were recorded on the Uforia Chronicles YouTube channel all with Tony Rodrigues' name on them, which can be accessed through this link here <https://www.youtube.c...> . Tony also has all his interviews archived on this link here <https://trooder.com/t...> .

Tony tells us how it started at age 9 when he makes fun of a smart rich kid at school and the 2 kids became bitter enemies because of a humiliation that Tony indirectly caused the other 9 year old kid. Then months later Tony comes face to face with the kid's father whom is a judge and a member of the Illuminati. That encounter Tony remembers the kid telling his dad about how Tony ruined his confidences and this scum of the Earth judge then telling his son oh don't worry son we can pay this kid back ten-fold. That night was the start of Tony Rodrigues' alien abduction into the MK Ultra mind control trauma testing, the horror was about to begin. That night Tony was abducted and describes in detail what happened to him. The abduction sequence went sort of like this.

Tony was at the time and everyone else in the over 100-year-old farmhouse was experiencing a paranormal weirdness oddity happening prior to the abduction. Stuff like an increase in static electricity in the house that evening and the phones in the house were not acting properly like a normal 1980's land phone would operate. So, when one picked up the receiver of the phone one would hear static on the other end of the phone even before making a phone call. Hours later when everyone except for Tony was asleep at three in the morning (the Witching Hour),

Tony remembers the phone ringing in the house and his mom asking for someone to answer the phone, then the phone ringing stopping. Moments later maybe a half hour later he witnessed a blue orb flying around his room and the rest of the house. Moments after that the alien greys phase in into dimension. Tony went into paralysis at this point and see's a reptilian humanoid with the grey. At that point, a needle was put into Tony's eyeball but before that happened a cover of sorts was place on Tony to even further immobilize Tony. Then it was lights out for Tony and he wakes up in a facility like a medical lab (Tony believes this to be China Lake, California) where he is met with the reptilian, greys and human scientists whom ask Tony's permission if they can borrow his conscientiousness, to which the 9-year-old Tony agrees too. Tony was into all this because this to him up until this

point was all wild stuff to him and he treated it like an adventure. A adventure he was not aware just what that would be.

Tony reminds me at this point of the kid whom plays in the 1980 movie The Shining because the kid in the movie is about 9 years old wears a shirt with a space theme on it and is ironically also named Tony, I believe.

The 9-year-old kid is then thrust into the MK ultra mind fracturing program for a period, weeks. Where he and other kids a kept like prisoners and guinea pigs and used for mental and physical experiments upon which they are tortured in every imaginable possible way including repeated electrocution ! to the point of near death and or death , then brought back to life with drugs and devices to be yet again electrocuted over and over again in hopes of the subjects reaching a Theta state of mind and through the horror of torture once done , once the subject reaches the Theta state then they are promoted to the next level of mind screwing. His reward was being sold as a slave to be used for anything and everything to a rich satanic elitist in the Seattle, Washington area. Where Tony underwent Satanic ritual abuse, bondage, humiliation and homosexual acts that they would also do to him. This lasted for about 6 years on Earth with a two-year layover in a Peruvian jungle cartel town where Tony was a personal psychic oracle to drug dealers.

Tony's best memories are from his two-year stint in Peru. He say's although he was a prisoner he was loved there and the Peruvian people were not Satanic but doing what they could do make money and support the town. The whole town acted and worked and looked after everyone in the town. It was not satanic and everyone functioned for the overall benefit of the town they loved Tony because during his Mk Ultra training he was taken to the moon base and back, yes you heard me correctly moon base and back. So, in that town Tony's role was not only being a human oracle for the drug cartel but known as the moon man. I person whom has been on the moon. After his stint in Peru he was brought back to his former Satanic owners where once again the Satanic ritual abuse went on. After about two years and a reaction to the new mind control drugs they were using on Tony became a problem they had sold Tony back to the Mk Ultra handlers whom sent him back to the moon base which then led to him being sent to work as a slave on Mars and as a working slave on Ceres. So, there you have it all in a nutshell. The interviews itself when I interviewed Tony was a total of 4 1/2 hours long on 5 YouTube videos once again found on the Uforia Chronicles YouTube channel found here <https://www.youtube.c...>- So for the more in depth story, watch and listen to the video interviews. They are mind blowing. So, we have human Earth based colonies people on the moon, Mars and Ceres, owned and operated and led by the same gestapo officers of 1940's Germany, yes you heard me correctly. Anyways it is what it is.

James Borg from the Uforia Chronicles signing off.
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IT DIDN'T CRASH IT LANDED! PART THREE...

BY
RONNIE DUGDALE

“Adrian Bustinza’s story

Adrian Bustinza joined the USAF in 1977 after his basic training he was assigned to Mather Air Force base, California, It was during this assignment that Adrian encountered a UFO incident. It was during his midnight shift when along with other personnel he witnessed an object hovering near the weapons storage area. He was never debriefed about that incident and nothing was ever said about it.

Adrian Bustinza is not sure which night he was involved in the Rendlesham Forest Incidents but thought it was possibly the last night of his midnight shift with D. Flight before he went on his three -day break .

Due to it being the Christmas period only a skeleton staff was on duty and he was the only non-commissioned officer assigned to the Woodbridge base that night.

D Flight had just completed a normal guard mount and the guys had been assigned to their posts Adrian was Alpha 1. He remembers there wasn't a security specialist on duty over the base; it was actually law enforcement, two people, a Sergeant and a Tech Sergeant. They were in the law enforcement vehicle. They exchanged what was going on with the base, briefed and debriefed each other and then went about their business.

It was around midnight and Adrian was still in the alert area at Bentwaters, he had just started his rounds of the facility visiting everybody on their posts and preparing to make his way over to Woodbridge when he was called on the radio to report to the East gate at Woodbridge. The airman posted down there had reported seeing some strange lights in the woods just outside the perimeter of the base, an area known as Tangham Woods in the Rendlesham forest. The lights were like nothing he had ever seen before, he thought at first it might be a fire and he was frightened.

Adrian immediately proceeded down to the East gate in his jeep and spoke to the airman.

We continue with part 3 of Ronnie Dugdale's article which is examining the RFI timeline.

As mentioned in Issue 9, Ronnie had been unwell and was unable to complete this piece in time for the last issue.

We at OLM hope you are on the way to recovery now Ronnie.

The young airman told him there were all sorts of weird coloured lights manoeuvring in the forest and pointed to the East Gate. At first Adrian didn't see anything.

And he said to the airman. “What are you looking at, what do you see?”

And he says, “There's something out there”

Adrian says “Something like what?”

The reply from the young airman “There's lights out there”

And Adrian asks “Well, what kind of lights?”

And he goes, “I don't know, there's a lot of lights out there I don't feel right, I don't want to be out here on my own “

It was something different than what he had ever seen down there before and he said he was scared and didn't want to stay there.

Sgt. Bustinza reassured him and told him that all he had to do was to keep calm and maintain his post. If he saw anything else he was to report it back to him.

Sergeant Bustinza alerted his acting commander Second lieutenant Bruce Englund and he in turn contacted the deputy base commander Lieutenant Colonel Halt.

Just then Adrian looked up to where the airman had been pointing and saw for himself one of the strange lights.

All Hell let loose on the radio.

Just then Sgt. Rick Bobo who was on duty at the Whiskey Tower in the weapons storage area at Bentwaters came on the radio stating that he too was also observing lights over the Rendlesham forest. Within no time all hell let loose on the radio, everybody started talking at once,

The Whiskey tower, Central Security Control and the airmen, all talking over each other. Sgt Adrian Bustinza couldn't get a word in edgeways. He could hear Lt Englund on the radio he could also hear the deputy base commander Col Charles Halt was on the radio asking for in-

structions where to precede to next. Sgt Bustinza could hear his call sign Alpha One being called but he couldn't hear where they wanted him to go, it was Chaos. Sgt. Bustinza told everyone to calm down and asked that if anyone had anything to communicate they were to use the landline.

Sgt. Bustinza was then summoned back to Central Security Control at the Bentwaters base. That's when Adrian ran into John Burroughs over in the security area. John had a UFO encounter in the same area of the Rendlesham Forest with Sgt, Jim Penniston just two days earlier. Sgt Bustinza wondered what John was doing in the security area as he was in civilian clothing and was not on duty. He was law enforcement and they had their own building.

While Sgt. Bustinza was at Central Security Control he reported that some of the airmen had been startled by unusual lights moving around in the night sky and through the trees but just then a call came in and Bustinza was instructed to pick up Lieutenant Bruce Englund and Master Sgt. Robert Ball and take them to the forest east of the Woodbridge base. Sgt. Ball was on his break having just worked the long Christmas Day and Boxing Day shifts and so when Bustinza arrived at his home on the domestic site at Woodbridge he had to wait for him to change into his uniform.

Lt. Englund gave directions to the area in the forest where all the activity was. He was already familiar with the area, he had been out in the forest earlier in the day with Monroe Nevels the disaster preparedness officer. Col Ted Conrad, the base commander had ordered Lt. Englund and Sgt. Nevels to carry out an investigation into John Burroughs and Jim Penniston's incident.

After they had completed their investigations they then made their way over to RAF Woodbridge where Col. Conrad was attending the end of the year Christmas party. They told him that what they had witnessed warranted further investigation.

The men then made their way over to the forest to meet up with the other patrols that were already out there. As they approached a group of airmen were running scared out of the forest. Lt. Englund asked them what was the problem and they told him they had encountered a bright light surrounded by a strange yellow mist. Lt. Bruce Englund informed his superiors and he was told to round up more personnel and organise collection of some light-all's.

Adrian then drove Lt. Englund over to Bentwaters to carry out their orders leaving the patrols in the forest. They took the route back through the country roads. Lt. Englund cautioned Bustinza to drive carefully as something had spooked the animals including deer and they were scattering in all directions.

While Lt. Englund and Sgt. Bustinza were dashing from place to place over the installations other patrols were arriving at the forest and seemed to be without any supervision. As well as D Flight who was on the midnight shift there were lots of airmen from the previous shift still out there. At one point Sgt. Bustinza remembers seeing Larry Warren out there.

Sgt Bustinza and Lt. Englund arrived back at the forest with the light-all's.

Things then started to get crazy. The light-all's and also some of the vehicles were acting strange as if they had run out of fuel. They would cut out dead and not restart again. Arguments were breaking out, some said there were out of gas but others protested they had plenty of gas. . They sited the light-all's in certain areas where they were told to set them up. At first they started up fine but then they died out like they had choked out or something. They tried everything to get them started but they just would not start.

COLONEL HALT ARRIVES ON THE SCENE

Colonel Halt, the deputy base commander arrived. He was horrified to see so many people out there off base with light-all's positioned all over the place in the Queens forest. He thought it was a public relations disaster!

He ordered Sgt. Bustinza to go back and pick up some replacement light-all's and to make sure they were gassed up correctly.

On his way back driving over to RAF Bentwaters base Adrian saw more lights. He kept checking his rear view mirror and wondered what on earth was going on. The lights were red green, blue and then just a white light would appear. They looked like the lights from a cop car just as they were about to pull you over, but there were no other vehicles on the narrow country road. Adrian put his foot down on the accelerator and sped up back to the base.

At the Bentwaters motor pool Adrian filled up his vehicle and a young female airman named "Cookie" fired up one of the replacement light-all's to show that they were gassed up and working correctly and with three replacement light-all's in tow they set off back to the forest.

When they arrived back at the check-point in the forest they only managed to get one of the replacement light-all's to work correctly. It only ran for a brief time before it spluttered, the lights flickered and that too shut down.

Sgt. Bustinza was now with Col. Halt by then and he lost track of Larry Warren.

Colonel Halt sent out for even more replacement light-all's but got bored waiting for them and hand picked a few men to go out into the forest to see what they could

find. As they moved through the forest armed with only a star scope and a Geiger counter they came across triangular indentations in the ground at three different stand-point equal distant apart. While Sgt. Neville was instructed to take readings with his NPR27 Geiger counter Sgt. Adrian Bustinza was instructed to radio Central security control to arrange more light-all's. Bustinza had a hard time getting through, his radio was acting up. The static on the radio was very bad.

Eventually Col. Halt ordered Adrian to go to the Woodbridge base and collect more light-all's. Everything was malfunctioning and people were running around in all directions.

All of a sudden the strange lights reappeared. The blue, red, orange and blue tinged white lights were manoeuvring through the trees and some of the airmen started getting excited and began chasing the lights. Some of the men got scared and at one point Adrian remembers a couple of the young airmen actually cried and said they wanted to go back. Sgt. Bustinza talked to them and managed to calm them down and sent them back to the check point where the vehicles were parked. Just then somebody spotted a red/orange light that looked like an eye winking bobbing up and down and manoeuvring through the trees, at times it appeared to come closer at other times it receded back. Halt and his men took off through the forest chasing it.

It was about that time the animals in the woods started acting very strange. One minute they were very noisy and the next deathly quiet, just like there were no animals out there at all.

When Adrian arrived back to the logging track there was a British police car parked by the roadside. Two Bobby's (British Police Officers) were guarding the entrance.

While Sgt. Bustinza was trying to catch up with Colonel Halts group he too saw lights moving through the forest and an area of the forest was bathed in a yellow mist almost up to knee high like a low fog. He moved in closer to the mist and there about twenty feet above the ground hovered an object moving up and down.

When he eventually caught up with Colonel Halt's party he found them surrounding a huge UFO which sat in a small clearing near to the farmers' field. Bustinza couldn't understand how such a large craft could have landed in such a small area.

As soon as Bustinza arrived at the clearing Colonel Halt ordered him to join the men who were surrounding the craft. Bustinza was in awe and mesmerised as he watched the huge circular craft with its rainbow colours flashing off and on. Two men wearing dark uniforms unlike anything Bustinza had ever seen before were

stood watching. People had camera equipment, not your everyday normal equipment, sophisticated kit, and lots of it. Some people were filming everything and others including civilians were taking photographs. Colonel Halt ordered Bustinza and one other airman to confiscate the cameras from two of the British Nationals and a row ensued. Bustinza handed Colonel Halt the cameras and he put them into bags. Halt told Bustinza that they would be dealt with at a higher level. Everything was so weird, animals were acting strange, everybody was acting weird, and they didn't seem to have any sense of direction.

Sgt. Bustinza was sure it was an extra-terrestrial visitation, he didn't see any beings but what he did see was the outlines of something. The UFO was much larger than the object that had been witnessed by Jim Penniston and John Burroughs earlier in the week, this object was about 30 foot across, it had strange markings on its body but it was difficult to define as it was constantly changing and distorting its shape. At times it appeared like a soluble aspirin and at other times thicker in the middle like a mushroom.

After a while, Bustinza was unsure just how long but he thought maybe 15 or 30 minutes he was hit by a cool blast of air as the craft silently lifted off. It separated into a few different lights that went off in different directions.

Sgt. Bustinza is sure there were approximately twenty to thirty personnel surrounding the craft in the clearing in the woods and even more people back with the vehicles at the checking point. He said that it was very confusing during the encounter with the UFO but distinctly remembers observing Colonel Halt facing the object and talking into something, perhaps that was his pocket recorder. The micro cassette player that was responsible for the Halt tape.

There is no mention on the Halt tape of this part of the incident that Bustinza describes, the tape only describes the chase through the woods that preceded it. Col. Halt has gone on the record describing an object that he says silently exploded into five white lights and disappeared likening it to a firework exploding, and that mysteriously does not feature on the Halt tape either or was it edited out?

Asked if this incident happened if in the farmers' field that some call Capel Green Adrian was sure there were cows in that field and this incident happened in a small clearing in the forest.

Everybody was now moving about everywhere Bustinza remembers talking to Lt. Englund momentarily and Sgt. Ball then he caught site of John Burroughs again, John was talking to Colonel Halt and pressing the issue about going back to the forest. Col Halt told John he could and

he told Bustinza to go with him. Adrian and John ventured back into the forest together.

John was in the lead and Adrian just a few yards behind. They entered a small clearing between some trees when all of a sudden a light from above shone down on John. It was just like someone had turned a switch on. Bustinza looked at John and said something to him and then he felt like he was pushed from behind and held down to the ground. He tried to break his fall but his hand entered the light and it startled him, at the same time it felt like he was being pulled back up by his pack. He remembers the light being warm, kind of like a spotlight when you are in its beam up close. Adrian looked at John who was trying to look up to the light. John was looking at his arms and hands. The light was fuzzy, the best way Adrian could describe it was like when you get that snowy picture on a TV. This went on for five or ten minutes maybe longer, Adrian couldn't be sure. He was more startled than anything else, his reaction was to call out to him, he wanted to run, but where was there to run to, and what was he running from?

Airman John Burroughs Was Gone!

Then all of a sudden it was gone. John was left standing there alone with Adrian in the clearing. Adrian and John were stunned and left wondering what ever it was that they had just witnessed. John asked Adrian what had happened and he said "I don't know John, but you were gone!"

John Burroughs and Adrian Bustinza both had trouble remembering what happened after their encounter, who they talked to, where they went or how they got back. John Burroughs has said he can't remember anything that happened for 14 hrs after his encounter.

Throughout the Years Adrian has tried to recall what happened at certain times, to fill in the gaps and what happened in between his encounter and getting back to the barracks. He knows he got a ride off somebody back from the forest, or drove something but he just can't remember anything about that period at all.

No one seems to have an explanation what happened from this point on except the explanation given by "Cookie" who recently came forward on Phenomenon Radio to reveal that she had picked up men in a dazed and confused state and delivered them to the "Clean up doctor" who was waiting for them at Bentwaters motor pool!

Its certainly a more believable explanation than that given by Colonel Halt who ends his dialogue on his recording by saying they were cold and tired and so they went home. An unbelievable explanation when you consider there were still unknown phenomena in the sky and according to his testimony, shining lights down in or near

the weapons storage area at R.A.F Bentwaters.

Anyhow, the next thing Adrian remembers is being back at the barracks. He remembers running into Larry Warren at the stairs Larry seemed startled and upset about what had happened but then they were already questioning him.

It wasn't long after that Adrian started to get questioned. He wrote a statement two or three pages long at the AFOSI building, He tried to get a copy of his statement but they wouldn't give him a copy. They said they would give him one but they never did. When he was through giving his statement for the OSI officers he ran into John Burroughs as he was coming out of the building. Sgt. Bustinza just looked at John Burroughs and never said anything but just shook his head. They told him not to say anything, not to speak to anyone and so he thought it best not to.

That morning he got debriefed By Major Malcolm Zickler, chief of security police. Zickler told him just co-operate with the investigators and do as they say. Zickler claimed he wasn't really involved with the situation, he said he wasn't out there.

Adrian Bustinza rings home

Later that morning Adrian broke silence and rang home. He told his parents what had gone on. His Mother told him that they had had some strange black vehicles out in front of their house with men sitting in them. She wanted to know what was going on. He tried to explain to her but told her they had told him he wasn't to say anything so she said it was best to do as they say and reminded Adrian that his father worked for the government and so it would be best to do as he was told.

Later that afternoon one of Bustinza's roommates, either Skinner or Tremontozzi told him that someone wanted to talk to him downstairs. It was two gentlemen in a government car and they told him to get in and he said 'well where we are going?' and they told him to get in the car as they had more questions. He found them very intimidating, the men were your typical "men in black" black suits white shirt black tie and Ray ban sunglasses. Bustinza got in the car but instead of going to the OSI building they drove over to the Woodbridge base through the back gate. They wanted to know where he was when he first got the report about lights in the Rendlesham forest. Adrian went through the scenario and pointed in the direction of the East gate. He told them everything he knew, where he saw the lights when he was driving and so forth.

They got back in the car and drove back to the Bentwaters base but instead of going back to the barracks they took him over to near where the metal bunkers are, the security area where they had guard mount.

They passed through maintenance and ended up at the building with the camera sign, they called it the camera shop. They pulled over and got out and gestured to Bustinza for him to get out. They told Bustinza to go on in. Adrian thought they were going to show him some photos and so he followed them in.

They went in and down a hallway and turned right and there was another door that opened into a hallway where there were light bulbs hanging from the wall and then they went into another room. The room was empty except for a table and small wooden chair. Bustinza really did not want to sit down and he started to get scared at that point.

He thought he had done something wrong. They told Adrian to sit down but Adrian was concerned and didn't want to sit down and he told them he wanted to go back to the barracks. One of the men said "You need to sit down. We are going to ask you some questions and you need to cooperate".

At that one of the men put his hand on Adrian's shoulder, he didn't force him down but he was like "You're going to sit down". Adrian did as he was told and sat down and he had just started to look around the room when they put the lights out.

It spooked him at first and that is when a light came out in front of him and all he could see the silhouette of a man and he started asking Adrian questions. He asked him "What did you see out there?" and so Adrian asked him who wanted to know, who was he talking to?

The man in silhouette never identified himself and told Adrian he needed to answer the question and be more concerned as to what he saw out in the forest and to tell him what he saw because he was recording everything. Adrian started to tell him about the lights, the response and what he saw and while Adrian was telling him that the interrogator said, "No, you didn't see that, it was a lighthouse, it was the light shining and it reflected off the trees"

Adrian said, "Light does not reflect off trees, light shines on the trees and you can see the trees, when the light comes around behind you or above you, that's not a lighthouse, the light from the lighthouse rotates and is white, the lights I saw were coloured, the lighthouse was far away, 6 miles out on the East coast, I know what the lighthouse beam looks like and this wasn't that"

The man replied "Your not hearing me, what I am telling you is what you saw was the light from the lighthouse" and he told Adrian he didn't have time for games and that he needed to be truthful and tell him what he really saw which was the light from the light-

house.

Adrian said "I was being truthful with you, I saw the light, it was green, it was blue, it was orange, it was white also but that white light had a blue tint. There was one point where one big ball of light broke up into about five smaller lights and they just manoeuvred and disappeared, lighthouse beams do not do that"

There was silence and then he told Adrian, "What you are telling me does not exist, it did not happen, I'm telling you what you saw, and what you saw was the light from the lighthouse"

And Adrian said, "No Sir! You're confused I'm telling you . . . "

"Bullets are cheap, a dime a dozen"

And he snaps, "Son, bullets are cheap, a dime a dozen, now, do you understand me?"

Adrian didn't know what to say anymore he tried to tell them that they didn't understand, he felt another person's presence beside him and the interrogator told him one more time.

He said "I'm going to tell you one more time, what you saw was the lighthouse, and the light was shining reflecting from the trees and that is going to be your story because that is what you saw"

And Adrian said, "No, that's not what I saw."

The interrogator raised his voice and the light sort of moved and Adrian couldn't see, he put his hands over his eyes like he was shading them from the Sun, he was trying to see but all he could see was the silhouette.

And he said, "I told you once and I am going to tell you for the last time because bullets are cheap, a dime a dozen, do you get the picture?"

At that point Adrian got the picture, anybody would have done so. He got the picture the first time but Adrian suspected he was just using scare tactics on him. They drove Adrian back to the barracks and Adrian can't remember it was either that night or the following morning when he slipped a note under Larry Warren's door and told him he really needed to talk with him.

Adrian called home again but this time his Mother wasn't at home but he spoke with his Dad. His Dad asked him if he was in some sort of trouble because there were some government people sitting in vehicles around their house and he said he was sure his Mother would of told him that. He said he was a little concerned and wondered what he had been getting into and wondered if he was involved in some sort of covert operation. Adrian told his Dad he couldn't under-

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stand it and he was only doing his job every day as a security policeman.

So Adrian kept his head down and was careful not to talk about the incident. He stayed focussed on keeping himself safe so he could get back home when the time came. What helped Adrian was the other guys really didn't talk about it.

Sgt. Adrian Bustinza was so disappointed by the way he had been treated he considered going AWOL. Major Zickler called him and others into his office and debriefed them. Bustinza felt comfortable with him and he was assured everything he told him was confidential.

There was a gagging order put on the Rendlesham Forest Incident around the base and they were told what they saw was a lighthouse. What followed was a lot of ridicule with taunts about UFO's but the men had to take it.

Many nightmares were to follow for Sgt Adrian Bustinza.

During the next few days Sgt Bustinza was debriefed by the Base Commander Colonel Ted Conrad who gave him a lesson on how to handle the press and anyone asking questions.

Wing Commander Colonel Gordon Williams also summoned Bustinza for a meeting, he told Bustinza he was not involved in any way so he didn't want to know anything about it and he was leaving it for those dealing with it to investigate.

While Bustinza was on his three day break some aeroplanes had arrived that needed security, these planes were said to have flown in from Washington with specialists who were there to investigate the landing sites.

After the incident most of the witnesses appear to have been transferred to other bases on temporary duty, it seems the Air Force did not want personnel spreading stories about UFO's Adrian was deployed a lot. He was sent to Egypt, Plattsburgh Air Force Base, New York, Alaska, Malmstrom Air Force Base Montana. They asked him to pick a base, he chose Bergstrom in Austin, Texas. That would have been just five hours away from his home but they sent him to Montana. It was as if they didn't want him to go home. They kept sending him on TDA's, (Temporary Duty Assignments), with some preferential treatments, all designed to keep his mind busy and keep him from talking to the other guys and asking them what they saw or what happened to them.

Sgt. Bustinza claimed that for years after he left the Air Force he was kept under surveillance. Larry Fawcett sent Adrian, Halts tape recording of the incident; he says the tape is edited. Adrian said he was worried about keeping it and Larry told him to dispose of it. Adrian had a briefcase full of material relating to the incident he took it out

into the garden and burnt it.

Since leaving the Air Force Adrian has enjoyed a successful and rewarding career. He was a Former Major of Correctional Officers (Retired) at Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, Former Director of Security (CRTC) at Texas Youth Commission, Former Director of Security/Phoenix (Mart/MRTC) at Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Former Dorm Supervisor of AOD Dorm (Mart Long Term) at Texas Juvenile Justice Dept. and currently Manager of Security Operations & Support Services at Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

The Larry Warren Story

Larry Warren is the most controversial of all the Rendlesham Forest Incident witnesses because his story has never been consistent. Authors and researchers have been frustrated by the different versions of his story he has told and left wondering which version, if any to believe.

However Adrian Bustinza has confirmed on more than one occasion that he did see Larry in the Forest at least at some stage and Steve Longero has also, although where and when has never been made clear, so until more witnesses come forward we will just have to say the Jury is out.

This is Larry Warren's story as described by him in his book, *LEFT AT EAST GATE, A First-Hand Account of the Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident, Its Cover-up, and Investigation*. The book he co-authored with Peter Robbins.

It is for the reader to decide if it's his story, Adrian Bustinza's, as many suspect or a story made up from bits and pieces of everyone else's account. I will be highlighting RFI discrepancies of which there are many in a future Outer Limits Magazine article.

Larry Returns from a Christmas break in Germany.

Early on the 28th of December 1980 airman first class Larry Warren took the base taxi to Ipswich with his roommate Alabama. Larry was looking to purchase a Marshall amplifier. He expected to get a good deal as they are manufactured in the U.K. so he went to Axe music on Christchurch Street and haggled with the owner of the store for several hours unsuccessfully.

Larry was returning to work that evening in his role as a security policeman on D flight having just enjoyed a Christmas break in Germany returning home the previous day. D Flight would be working the Mid-shift.

After spending the day in Ipswich, Alabama and Larry caught the last bus back to Bentwaters at around 18.00hrs but to their surprise they were dropped off in the town of

Woodbridge leaving them a 4 mile walk back to Bentwaters. They stopped off at the Cherry tree public house for refreshments and arrived back at the base at 20.00hrs just in time to get his uniform ready and grab his alert bag containing his flak vest, chemical suit and gas mask.

At 22.00hrs he met up with the rest of his D Flight colleagues at the base movie theatre before being driven by bus to Central Security Control where they would be inspected at guard mount and assigned to their posts either on the Woodbridge or Bentwaters base.

Larry checked out his M16 rifle from the armoury at 23.15 hrs and was dropped off at his post. Perimeter post 18, a remote perimeter post at the far end of the Bentwaters Flight line. A post that he says was only manned during alert conditions.

Central security Control would make a radio check with him every 15 minutes. Larry remembers having responded to just two of them when he overheard radio communications between cops who had been observing “Some funny-looking lights bobbing up and down” over the forest near to the Woodbridge base some 5 miles away.

Larry couldn't see anything unusual from his remote post but remembers feeling uneasy. Five minutes later a security police pick-up arrived at his post driven by Sgt. Adrian Bustinza. His passenger was Lieutenant Bruce Englund. Two other SP's were in the bed of the truck. Lieutenant Englund told Warren to radio Central Security Control and tell them he was being relieved from his post.

Larry Warren still had no idea what was going on as the truck headed off to the Bentwaters motor pool. When they arrived at the motor pool there was some confusion over the filling of some light all's they were there to collect. Light all's the trailer mounted light generators used to supply portable light wherever it was needed. The fuel gauges on the light all's were reading full but a captain at the motor pool argued they were not. Eventually they hooked one up to their truck and set off to rendezvous with others waiting at the Bentwaters main gate.

At the main gate they were joined by two law enforcement cars and three other pickup trucks also carrying SP's, they removed their ammo clips from their M16 rifles. Larry Warren leant forward and asked the driver Sgt. Bustinza where they were going? The answer came back, the Woodbridge base.

As the convoy approached the outer range lights at the end of the RAF Woodbridge runway they came upon a law enforcement car that was half blocking the road. Some SP's were busy placing red flares along the road.

Turn Left At East Gate

A white Cortina driven by a young lady was parked up at

the makeshift roadblock; her young daughter was sound asleep in the passenger seat beside her. Larry overheard a cop telling her that the reason for the hold up was there may be unexploded ordnance in the area. The convoy moved off and as they passed another law enforcement truck one of the cops in the truck ahead yelled “Where in the hell are we supposed to go?” A law enforcement cop who was standing by the side of the road responded, “Turn Left at East Gate”. Larry says after a few more feet they did.

The convoy travelled down a logging road until they came upon a clearing where other trucks were already parked up. Airman Warren observed about fifteen men in uniform and several others in civilian clothing disappear out of view as they walked off down a narrow trail.

Just then Larry says the 81st Chief of Security Police, Malcolm Zickler, arrived on the scene and much to everyone's amusement as he stepped out of his vehicle he slipped in the mud. The time was now about 12.30. A truck from the Armoury arrived and they were ordered to turn in their weapons.

Larry was joined by a flight commander, Sgt. Bustinza and two other airmen. Lt. Englund had left the parking area with a group of men almost as soon as they arrived. Larry says Col. Halt may well have been part of that group.

The Captain motioned for Larry's group to follow him down a footpath into the woods, after about a hundred yards they turned right and ventured deeper into the forest. Off to his Left he could see silhouettes of people moving around illuminated by their flashlights and a ground flare or two. He noticed also an area taped off with red plastic surveyors tape wrapped around some trees.

Larry Warren's party continued through the forest for another quarter of a mile where they came upon an open field with a broken wire fence at its perimeter. In the field personnel were walking around something on the ground. It looked like a yellow-green circular ground fog a foot deep that appeared to be illuminated from within. It glowed bright enough to illuminate the whole forest and then it would dim again. At times the mist appeared almost transparent.

Two disaster preparedness officers were circling it with yellow Geiger counters. Someone was snapping off photos and off to the right were people operating motion picture cameras, one hand held another on a tripod.

As they joined the forty odd people that Larry says were already in the field they observed two dazed looking cows approach. He asked Bustinza where they had come from and Bustinza pointed towards a house across the field with an upstairs light on. The cows seemed unfazed

by any of the activity.

Pilot communication could be heard over a radio. Someone repeated, "Here it comes, here it comes, here it comes"

Airmen ran in terror

A small red light was moving in from the direction of the North Sea. At first he thought it was an aircraft but this was fast and silent. The basketball sized red light cleared the pine trees that were bordering the field and in a downward arc stopped about twenty feet directly above the illuminated fog. In a blinding flash the red ball of light exploded and in the place where the fog was now sat a big pyramid shaped machine. The main body with its three delta like appendages was pearl white in colour with a rainbow like effect, its shape was constantly distorting. At the top emanated a red glow, at its base a bank of bright cobalt blue lights and what appeared to be dark landing gear. Boxes, pipes and strange extensions covered its entire surface. It looked old and yet advanced at the same time. There were no markings, flags, identifying marks nor windows or doors.

Some of the airmen ran in terror but others who stood their ground watched transfixed as the movie cameras continued to film capturing the whole incident.

Senior officers ordered the men surrounding the craft not to move. An officer approached Sgt. Bustinza and Airman Warren and ordered them to walk to within ten feet of the craft. A disaster preparedness officer led the way with his Geiger counter in hand. The craft seemed to pull their shadows towards it.

They were told to walk ten paces to the left and then ten paces to the right. Each time they stopped their shadows appeared to take one more step. To his right Warren observed two English policemen from the town of Woodbridge. One had a camera and was taking photos. An airman was ordered to confiscate it and an argument ensued.

Throughout all this the senior personnel seemed to know what the procedure was and appeared to be following a set protocol.

Larry Warren claims that Colonel Gordon Williams and other officers, some in civilian clothing arrived at the end of a track in a staff car. They conversed with the officers already on site.

Suddenly a bluish gold ball of light about a foot above the ground moved from behind the right delta of the craft, Warren noticed something strange in the glow of the ball of light; he thought "Why are there kids here?" Bustinza asked "Can you see them?" When Warren saw their eyes he knew then they definitely were not kids. Everyone watching this seemed to be in a trance and just stood watching them.

They had large heads with catlike black eyes!

It was then that the light faded somewhat and Warren claims he could see their features better. The ball of light then broke into three separate glowing cylinders each containing a living creature!

They were small about three to four feet tall, somewhat ghostlike in appearance and wearing bright silvery clothing. Airman Warren could not see their facial features but describes them as having had large heads with catlike black eyes.

Colonel Williams approached to within five feet of the beings and as they cocked their heads up towards him he appeared to be communicating with them telepathically.

The sound of a tree branch breaking in the forest startled the beings. Their arms moved up close to their chests as they floated back to a position almost under the craft. A white membrane now covered their eyes.

After a few moments the beings approached back to within a few feet of Colonel Williams again, their eyes had returned back to black.

Small groups of SP's had began leaving the field.

Warrens group was told to return to the trucks and wait. As Warren turned to take one last look he noticed Colonel Williams in conversation with the other officers.

As they walked back to the trucks multiple strange lights were observed flying through the trees and beams of blue lights were shining down from the night sky to the ground.

Back in the parking area Warren collected his weapon from the armourer's vehicle and headed back to Bentwaters.

Warren was to discover later that there had been strange activity in the parking area just a few hours after his party had left.

They arrived back at the Central Security Control at about 4.30 a.m. Larry Warren returned his weapon to the armoury and then joined other groups from his flight in the lounge where they sat drinking coffee. At 6.30, 'A' Flight reported for their day shift. Some of the men who had heard about D flights UFO encounter were making fun joking about little green men and flying saucers.

Warren caught the police bus and went straight to his room where he says he collapsed on the floor. He claims his eyes hurt, he had a bad taste in his mouth, ringing in his ears and he had produced a shock of grey hair.

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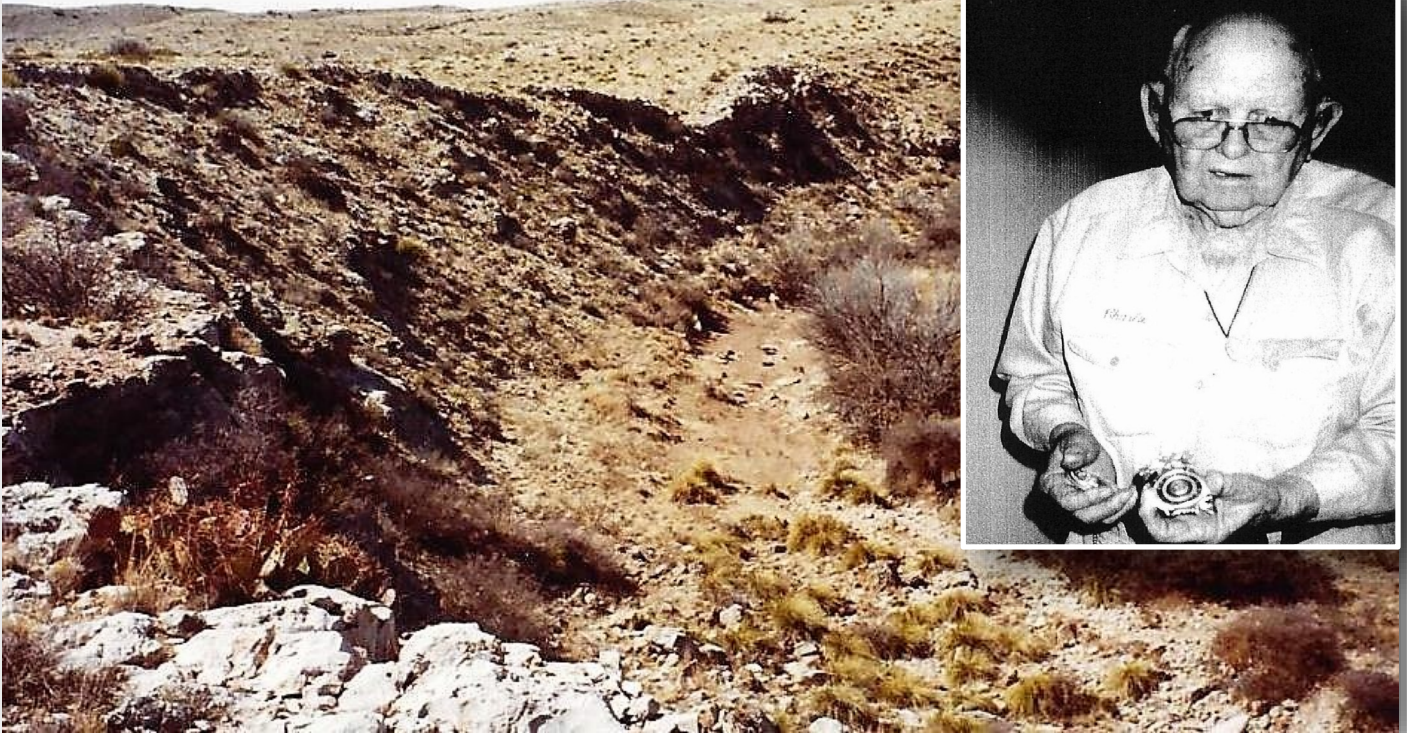


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Dep Sheriff C H Forgus ALLEGED ROSWELL WITNESS AN UPDATE



By Irena Scott PhD & Philip Mantle

Philip Mantle and I released the testimony of a new Roswell witness, the late Deputy Sheriff Charles Forgus, in the new book, *UFOs TODAY, 70 Years of Lies, Misinformation and Government Cover-Up*, in June 2017. Deputy Forgus thought that he had witnessed the UFO crash at Roswell in 1947. He had been the Deputy Sheriff in Big Springs, Texas, after serving in the military during WWII.

He was en-route to Roswell with the Sheriff to pick up a prisoner. When they approached the Roswell area, they heard about the crash on the police radio and were able to find the roads to this area. When they arrived, they observed the recovery of a 100-foot diameter round craft and four strange-looking dead bodies before being told to leave the area by the military. This testimony was given to a US private investigator by the name of Deanna Short in 1999. Unfortunately she has also passed away. There is a video interview of Deputy Forgus where he details these events which runs for approximately 16 minutes.

Philip Mantle and Dr Irena Scott investigated this testimony as did the Mutual UFO Network, and our full information at that time was revealed in the book, *UFOs TODAY, 70 Years of Lies, Misinformation and Government Cover-Up*. Philip Mantle then published it in a number of UFO publications and it was also featured in the online editions of several of the UK's national newspapers.

At that time, MUFON and we had researched Deputy Sheriff Forgus's claims and speculated that he might have been witness to an event in 1953 and not 1947. It was said that Forgus travelled with Sheriff Jess Slaughter, although many times in the video Deputy Forgus simply said the word Sheriff, rather than Slaughter, which might give one the impression that he may not have remembered for sure who he went with.

Thus, we had speculated that he might have been witness to an event in 1953. One thing that is certain is that the Sheriff he thought he was likely with at the time, Jess Slaughter, was not the Sheriff in 1947. He was a Sheriff in the 1930's and the 1950's but not the 1940's. In addition we found articles in the local paper, the *Big Springs Weekly Herald*, about Sheriff Slaughter and deputy Forgus in 1953. However, Dr Scott called the Sheriff's department and they did not have records of who had been deputies that far back.

One of the reasons we released this testimony was in the hope that either a family member or a friend might come forward with some further information. We assumed this was along shot but we gave it a try.

To our surprise, on July 17th a nephew of the late Deputy Sheriff Forgus contacted Philip Mantle. He did not want his name used in public but we have it on file.

Opposite Page: CH Forgus' Army discharge papers >>>>>>



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This is to Certify, That C. H. FORGUS, 6 956 420 Technical Sergeant

Headquarters Company, 1052nd Engineers

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Date 27 September 1945

Major, CWS

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1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <u>Forgus, C. H.</u>		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. <u>6 956 420</u>		3. GRADE <u>T/SGT</u>		4. ARM OR SERVICE <u>CE</u>		5. COMPONENT <u>RA</u>	
6. ORGANIZATION <u>Hq Co 1052nd Engineers</u>		7. DATE OF SEPARATION <u>27 Sept 45</u>		8. PLACE OF SEPARATION <u>Sept Cntr Ft Bliss Tex</u>					
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES <u>P.O. Box 961 Big Spring, Tex</u>		10. DATE OF BIRTH <u>28 Jan 1918</u>		11. PLACE OF BIRTH <u>Aspermont, Texas</u>					
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT <u>See 9</u>		13. COLOR EYES <u>Brn</u>		14. COLOR HAIR <u>Brn</u>		15. HEIGHT <u>5-11</u>		16. WEIGHT <u>170</u> LBS.	
17. No. DEPEND. <u>one</u>		18. RACE <u>White</u>		19. MARITAL STATUS <u>Married</u>		20. U.S. Citizen <u>YES</u>		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. <u>Laborer Highway 9-32.31</u>	
22. DATE OF INDUCTION <u>5 Jun 40</u>		23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT <u>5 Jun 40</u>		24. Date of Entry into Active Service <u>5 Jun 40</u>		25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <u>Ft Bliss Texas</u>			
26. Registered <u>Yes</u>		27. Local S. S. Board No. <u>Not Shown</u>		28. COUNTY AND STATE <u>Not Shown</u>		29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <u>See 9</u>			
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New Guinea Bismarck Archipelago

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39. PRIOR SERVICE <u>None</u>						

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41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED
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He said: "Hello, I just discovered the video you posted of the interview with CH Forgas. He was my uncle. Interestingly, he never spoke to us about this incident

when I was young and I only recently found out about the story from an east coast MUFON investigator. I can tell you, he is not a person who would have fabricated this story. He was very straight laced and no nonsense type of person...that's why he was in law enforcement. I have the full transcript of the interview if you would like to read and post it...One thing I will mention; my uncles' sighting was not at Roswell. He was a deputy in 1953. I have a very good MUFON report I will forward to you on the event." Mantle replied that he already had the transcript—as it was him who had released it.

tioned it to his brother but added that "if you knew the Forgas family and west Texans in particular, uncle CH would have been roundly made fun of for sharing his experience. That's what assures me all the more that he is telling the truth. He was ex-military and ex-law enforcement and was not the type of a person to make up a story like this. I knew him well and can tell you his personality was not one that liked or sought the spotlight. He was also not an imaginative person to create such a story."

The nephew added that Deputy Forgas "was very straight laced like all of the Forgas men and women for that matter. It was certainly a very different time when they grew up and my father's family grew up very poor. So, they were extremely pragmatic and not ones for hyperbole. They believed only what they could see and hold."



On July 19th, he talked with Mantle again and said that Forgas had a son, Glen Lee Forgas, and a daughter, Toma Forgas, but he has not kept in touch with them. The nephew had found a phone listing a few months ago and called Glen Lee and left a message, but never got a response. He said the only other person that might know the story is his nephew, Charles Buzzbee in Big Spring, Texas. He also believed that Forgas could have men-

I hope this is of some help."

On September 6 and 23, Dr Irena Scott talked to Deputy Forgas' son, Glen Lee Forgas, and this conversation helped to answer several questions, such as the time frame of Forgas' sighting, and whether he had talked about it previously.

Glen provided the new information that Charles had talked about seeing the crash previously. Glen said that he had mentioned this observation maybe 4-5 times over

the years, but not in a long drawn out discussion. He spoke about it to Glen when Glen was young. It was Glen's opinion that Charles thought it was the Roswell crash. He didn't talk about seeing bodies. At first, he did not necessarily think it was a UFO, Glen said that at that time he may have had no idea what it was. Charles might have not thought about UFOs when he first saw the crash, because he hadn't been exposed to much or even any information about UFOs. Later when he heard in the media about UFOs and Roswell, he thought this might have been what it was.

Glen said that the family moved to California around 1951, so his observation might have happened before that. The family moved because of illness in the family, but moved back and forth several times. There were not any good doctors in Big Springs at that time.

Glen also said that he thought that when Charles made the trip to Roswell that he didn't go with Sheriff Slaughter but with a different person, who might have been another deputy. He could not recall the name of the person that Charles had travelled with or who was sheriff at that time. Thus, the crash might have happened in 1947, which was the time that Deputy Forgas recalled that it was.

Glen said that Charles was very straight arrow and not impressed by false knowledge. He was a no-nonsense type of person, having been in law enforcement. He had been a police officer and in the military. Glen looked up to his father as a John Wayne kind of hero. During the war, Charles was in the army but on loan to the Navy and was a deep-sea diver. Charles and his crew would dive down and weld patches on the sunken ships so they could refloat them and get them out of the harbour. When MacArthur made his reappearance to the Philippines, there had been a lot of fighting and there were a lot of ships sunk in the harbour. One of the ships settled on a reef, and the wave action would rock it. The ship slipped off the reef, squashed him in the mud, and it took three days to get him out.

One main thing Glen emphasized was that his father was very honest and ethical. He was definitely not the kind of person who would make up a lie. Glen gave the same impression—he was very knowledgeable about current news and events and very civic minded. He had an electric car and powered it using a wind turbine power generator. Thus the possibility exists that Deputy Charles Forgas did see the crash in the time frame that he reported. Charles had said that neither he nor the person he was with talked about it much, and this was likely because no one had heard of UFOs or Roswell at that time, which might help to further date the event. In addition, he did not recognize the uniforms of the attendant soldiers as Air Force, which did not become a separate military service until September 1947.

When we released the original information regarding the late Deputy Charles Forgas we were criticised far and wide despite the fact that we also pointed out the number of discrepancies in the testimony on tape. One well-known Roswell researcher simply labelled the testimony from Deputy Forgas as a lie. Now, we have information from a nephew and the son of this witness the latter of

whom supports his late fathers story. Do doubt we will still be criticized but I think it is fair to say that we have now been vindicated in releasing this information and to continue to look for more.

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